

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE
31st DAY OF JANUARY 2018 AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M.**

Call to Order:

Directors present at the meeting held at the date and time above designated were President David Bixler, Richard Borges, Scott Rogers, Dave Martin, and Mike Thomas. Staff present at the meeting were J. Paul Hendrix, General Manager; Kathi Artis, Controller; Aaron Fukuda, Engineer; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; and Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster. Also present was Don Wright, representing Water Wrights and Alan Becker. The meeting was called to order by President Bixler. It was then noted that item 4.D J. Paul Hendrix - Service Award was added to the agenda as originally distributed.

Public Comments:

There were no comments from any members of the public to come before the Board.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2018 and the special meeting of January 24, 2018 had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. There being none, by the motion of Director Rogers and second by Director Martin, unanimously carried by all board members present, the minutes of the meeting were thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations - Mr. Crenshaw noted that storage at Terminus Reservoir as of the day prior was at approximately 23,739 AF.

Water Management Activities - Mr. Crenshaw indicated that the District had held over Friant CVP supplies totaling 16,308 AF with the intention to conduct a pre-irrigation run in February 2018. He then reported that based on the previous direction of the Board, the status of the water supply and rainfall had not changed since the last discussion. Based upon the update, the Board directed staff to initiate the pre-irrigation run on February 5, 2018.

Mr. Crenshaw next discussed the need to establish a rate for irrigation supplies sold during the upcoming pre-irrigation run. By a motion of Director Rogers and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all board members present, the irrigation sales rate was set at \$43 per acre-foot.

Mr. Fukuda followed with a report on the status of accumulated Recirculation water assigned to the District. He reported that notice was given to the Friant Water Authority to halt any accumulation of Recirculation Water to the District after December 2017, which left the District with 1,118 AF of Recirculation water. He then reported that paperwork and approvals necessary to transfer the water to the Kern County Water Agency were likely not to be completed in time to transfer the water. Mr. Fukuda thereupon reported that a secondary option to transfer the water to the Arvin Edison Water Storage District had been established. By a motion of Director Rogers and seconded by Director Borges, unanimously carried by all board members present, the 1,118 AF of Recirculation water assigned to the District was approved for transfer to the Arvin Edison Water Storage District.

Management Staff Reports:

District Engineer Solicitation Update - Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on progress to solicit and hire a new District Engineer. Mr. Fukuda identified three avenues to seek a District Engineer, which included 1) a District-managed recruitment, 2) a professional recruitment, and 3) a combination of the two. He then reported that he would convene the Personnel Committee of the District to get direction before moving forward.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action

Tulare County Agreement - Mr. Fukuda reported that a requirement of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program being sought to fund the Okieville Flood Protection / Drought Mitigation Basin Project was that an applicant must have a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (Mitigation Plan). Because the District does not have a Mitigation Plan and Tulare County does, he reported that an Agreement had been developed which would allow Tulare County to be the applicant and the District to pursue the project and receive the grant funding. Mr. Fukuda presented a draft copy of the Agreement highlighting several key provisions including the fact that the Agreement allows the District to act as an agent of the County to carry out the project, reporting, accounting and invoicing in return for the District covering the cost-share provisions of the grant and the reimbursement of County staff time required to administer the grant. By a motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all board members present, the Agreement between the District and the County was approved.

Bank Signature Authorization - Ms. Artis reported that with the transition of Mr. Fukuda to the General Managers position, the District would need to provide authorization for him to sign checks. By a motion of Director Rogers and seconded by Director Borges, unanimously approved by all board members present, approval was granted to add Mr. Fukuda to the authorization of check signing.

Current authorized signers include:

Kathi Artis
David Bixler
Richard Borges
Dave Martin
Scott Rogers
Michael Thomas

Current officers for the District include:

David Bixler - President
Richard Borges - Vice President
Aaron Fukuda - Secretary
Kathi Artis - Treasurer

General Manager Transition - Mr. Hendrix reported on the status of his employment with the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency. He reported that the necessary agreements for his employment with the MKGSA and his transition from the District had been executed. He then requested that he be authorized for full-time employment with the MKGSA. By a motion of Director Borges and seconded by Director Martin, unanimously approved by all members present, Mr. Hendrix was authorized by the Board to be assigned to the MKGSA on a full-time basis.

The Board thereupon discussed the actions needed to appoint Mr. Fukuda

as the General Manager. Mr. Fukuda reported that the contract being drafted for his assignment as the General Manager would be finished by February. By a motion of Director Borges and seconded by Director Martin, unanimously approved by all members present, Mr. Fukuda was assigned as the Interim General Manager for the District pending completion of a contract to assign him as General Manager.

J. Paul Hendrix Service Award - Director Bixler presented Mr. Hendrix with a service award, thanking him for his years of service to the District as the General Manager.

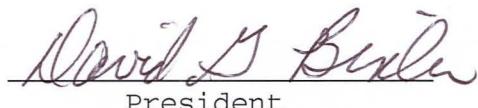
Closed Session:

The Board thereupon entered into closed session under §54956.8 of the Government Code. Upon return to open session, it was reported that no actions were taken while in closed session.

There being no other items to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was then adjourned.



Secretary



President

