

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE  
12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2018 AT THE HOUR OF 9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order:

Directors present at the meeting held at the date and time above designated were President David Bixler, Vice President Rick Borges, Dave Martin, Scott Rogers, and Mike Thomas. Staff present at the meeting were Aaron Fukuda, General Manager; Kathi Artis, Controller; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; Bill Sario, District Engineer; Jeremy Barroll, Assistant Engineer; and Beth Holmes, Assessor-Collector. Also present at the meeting was Ed Henry; Richard Zack; Luke Parriera, Oakview Farms; and Matt Kidder, Oakview Farms. President Bixler asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the Agenda, of which Mr. Fukuda reported there were none. The meeting thereupon was called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

No public comments were made.

Oath of Office:

Ms. Holmes proceeded to instruct the incumbent for Division 1 of the District, being the only board member candidate for said division, to recite the oath of office. Director Thomas (Division 1) did so and were thus sworn in for another four-year term as director of the District.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2018, had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. By the motion of Director Rogers and second by Director Borges, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the meeting were thereupon approved as presented.

Watermaster Report:

Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw presented the Directors with charts showing the operations at Terminus and Millerton Reservoir. He noted that Lake Kaweah storage was at 16,655 AF with only 159 CFS of inflow, and with the future rain forecasts and inflow, he anticipated the reservoir to be at approximately 25,000 AF in four weeks.

Thereupon, Mr. Crenshaw provided charts of the snow water content in the Kaweah Watershed and the San Joaquin Watershed, noting that the Kaweah Watershed was at approximately 155% and the San Joaquin was about 130% of the December 10<sup>th</sup> average.

Water Management Activities - Mr. Fukuda provided an update on the 2019 On-Farm Recharge program noting that grower notices had been sent and several farmers have contacted the District to enroll their property in the program. Mr. Fukuda also reported on a program being sought to exchange Unreleased Restoration Flows and an attempt to establish a Friant-wide exchange program.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work - Mr. Fox provided an update on operations and maintenance activities highlighting ongoing turnout gate repairs, equipment repairs, grading operations, reshaping and rip-rap placement

on Evans Ditch, mowing of the upstream canals, and dredging operations.

Construction Projects - Mr. Fox reported that with the addition of a temporary staff member, the Cordeniz Project was again under construction and they had completed the Serpa Ditch pipeline along Road 84. He then indicated that staff had started the installation of the 36" reinforced concrete pipeline through the proposed basin site.

Equipment - Mr. Fox provided an update on the new motor grader and repairs to the excavator. He indicated that the motor grader, approved for purchase earlier in the year, was due to be delivered and was delayed due to modifications needed to accommodate the new sloper and the District requirements for a narrow body. Regarding the excavator, he provided a report that due to the failure of the excavator's arm, and after looking at alternatives to purchase a new arm or used arm with the Equipment Committee, it was decided to repair the arm at a local equipment repair shop.

#### Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis then presented the financial statements for December 2018 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for January through November 2018 was \$6,614,018, which was approximately 67.12% of the revised budget. Ms. Artis next presented the expenses, highlighting several items but reporting expenses from January to November 2018 totaling \$9,532,289, which was approximately 84.59% of the revised budget. She then went on with presenting the statements of cash flows and net assets, stating that the current cash standing was at \$10,692,576. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities were at \$12,215,855 and the Total Equity in the District stood at \$36,510,716. She thereupon cited investment returns for the District's several holding accounts, those being 1.90% with the Tulare County Pooled Fund and 2.21% with the state LAIF.

Approval of Bill Payments - Ms. Artis next presented the list of bills submitted for ratification and approval by the Board. After further scrutiny of particular bills, the Board, by the motion of Director Rogers, second by Director Thomas and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 50365 through 50439 totaling \$514,543.32 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

#### Engineering Report:

Update on Engineering Activities - Mr. Barroll provided an update on engineering activities within the District. He noted that the Packwood Creek Measurement Station had been started by Phase 1 Construction and the staff had installed a new turnout gate as a part of the USBR Modernization Phase 2 Grant. Next, Mr. Barroll provided the Directors with new revised District Maps and a review of the new online map that is accessible by staff and Directors.

#### Management Staff Reports:

Mid-Kaweah GSA - Mr. Fukuda provided a brief update on activities of the MKGSA, noting that a revised Draft Basin Setting was released, continued work on the Water Accounting Framework was taking place, and more discussion was happening surrounding the Measurable Objectives

and Minimum Thresholds.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda provided a summary of the recent Friant Water Authority Board Retreat, which he and Director Borges attended. Director Borges noted the discussion of the FKC Subsidence fix and the potential costs associated with the project. Thereupon, Mr. Fukuda pointed out that there was a difference in costs between a plan that accomplishes a significant capacity correction and the full design capacity, of approximately \$200 million.

District Annexations - Mr. Fukuda discussed the recent requests by several landowners to annex property into the District. Based upon various situations the District has yet to pursue any of the requests.

District Safe for District Minutes and Documents - Mr. Zack provided a report on the need to provide a secure location for the historical District minutes that date to the early 1900s. He has researched several options and has discovered a safe that can withstand a significant fire and shelter the documents from water in the event that the fire is extinguished with water. Mr. Zack is going to investigate the options regarding a safe and provide an update to the Directors in the future.

Board and Staff Tablet Update - Mr. Fukuda provided the Board several options regarding tablets. The Board directed Mr. Fukuda to pursue the medium sized option and to begin the process of delivering board materials and information via the tablets.

Closed Session:

The Board thereupon entered into closed session under §54956.8 and §54956.9(a) of the Government Code. Upon returning to open session, it was reported that there were no actions taken in closed session.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action

USBR URF Agreement - Mr. Fukuda presented an agreement with the USBR for the ability to receive URF water in 2019. By a motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Rogers and unanimously carried by all Directors present, Agreement No. 19-WC-20-5356 with the USBR was approved for execution.

California Farm Water Coalition 2019 Membership Dues - Mr. Fukuda reported to the Directors the request to submit membership dues to the CFWC for 2019. By a motion of Director Rogers, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried by all Directors present approval for payment in the amount of \$9,435 for the 2019 CFWC 2019 Membership Dues was approved.

Board Member Report of Meetings:

Director Bixler asked if any of the Directors have reports on meetings they attended or wished to discuss at this time. Director Borges reported on activities of the FWA Authority, KSJRA, and the KBWQA. He noted that the FWA Executive Committee had approved the change to increase the members from five to seven and the new FWA Chairman is Chris Tantau. He thereupon provided an update on KSJRA activities highlighting the completion of the Auditor's review, approval of a riparian contract with the Bricker family, and two pending riparian contract requests. Lastly, Director Borges noted that the KBWQA had changed their deadline policy, which now has no late fees and individuals will be sent directly to revocation and the SWRCB.

Director Thomas reported on activities of the Wutchumna Water Co., noting that the assessment was \$325 and that the new measurement flume should be done by the end of the month.

Director Rogers provided an update on the CFWC indicating that the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority may not be paying their 2019 dues, which could impact the CFWC by approximately \$200,000.

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



Secretary



President