

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE
14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2017 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 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, scribe for the Renewable Resources Group; Doug Reynolds representing Tiechert Construction; and Richard Zack, local historian. The meeting was called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

Mr. Reynolds addressed the board and gave an overview of his company's mining and excavation activities in the Tulare County region and elsewhere. He also expressed an interest on behalf of Tiechert in providing excavation services for the proposed the McKay Pt Reservoir project.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2017 had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. There being none brought up, by the motion of Director Thomas and second by Director Rogers, 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 Terminus releases are now down to about 70 cfs and that Wutchumna WC is increasing storage in Bravo Lake. He anticipates a maintenance flood release to bring the lake level down to begin in late November. Mr. Crenshaw then presented graphical information depicting storage and release operations for Lake Kaweah and Millerton Lake.

Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw tallied up current supplies of both Kaweah River and Friant water, citing an amount of 17,810 AF to be devoted to a future recharge/irrigation run.

Groundwater levels Report - Mr. Crenshaw next presented contour maps of depths to groundwater for the fall season in 2016 and 2017. He indicated a healthy rebound from last fall, with an average rise in water level across the District of about 18 ft. He said the ample deliveries of Kings River water to the west of the District helped considerably in raising water levels in that area as well. Discussion ensued regarding the trends in the Kaweah region overall.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work, Outside Work and Construction Projects - Mr. Fox thereupon reported on the maintenance activities undertaken during the past month in the delivery system and within upstream diversion channels. He cited ditch bank mowing and grading work that is ongoing, starting from the lower end of the ditch system. He said

that other work includes dredging, basin discing, CMP culvert replacements, rip-rap replacement, weed spraying, and equipment repairs in the shop. The Board then inquired as to long-term facility repair and replacement assessments and funds on hand to carry out such work.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis then presented the financial statements for the month of October 2017 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that water sale and transfer income amounts exceed that which was budgeted for the year. She highlighted major expense categories and figures, also noting that expenses to-date are 80% of the amount budgeted for the year. She then went on with presenting the statements of cash flows and net assets, stating that the Swall Basin grant reimbursement from DWR has finally been received. She thereupon cited investment returns for the District's several holding accounts, those being 1.49% with the Tulare County Pooled Fund, 1.43% with the state LAIF, and 1.25% with CalTRUST. She further stated that the District has sufficient funds on hand to pay for routine expenses for a six-month period. Lastly, Ms. Artis noted that the remaining principal on the 9(d) capital repayment loan is \$7.23 million.

Approval of Bill Payments - Ms. Artis next presented the list of bills submitted for ratification and approval by the Board. Reviewed and discussed by Board members were telemetry system billings, survey equipment costs, and water line repairs in the District yard. After further scrutiny of particular bills, the Board, by the motion of Director Martin, second by Director Thomas and unanimously carried by all board members present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 49031 through 49120 totaling \$436,572.83 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Management Staff Reports:

Mid-Kaweah GSA - Mr. Hendrix stated that, at its November 9th special meeting, the GSA board approved (a) the annual audit, (b) subscribing to liability insurance with ACWA/JPIA, (c) an expense budget of \$660,000 for this fiscal year, (d) agreements with GEI and the other sub-basin GSAs, (e) appointments to the advisory committee, and (f) ratification of the agreement to retain a general manager.

McKay Pt Reservoir Project - Mr. Hendrix noted that this matter will be addressed as a real property conference in closed session.

SGMA Groundwater Extraction Measurement Evaluation - Mr. Fukuda led the Board through a PowerPoint presentation on the subject matter. He addressed the legislative requirements, GSA authorities, current metering technology, staff survey of wells in the service area, measurement alternatives, telemetry communications, and data processing needs. Mr. Fukuda also recommended undertaking one or more pilot programs to gage the feasibility of measurement options, to which the Board expressed support. Discussions ensued as to the measurement requirement, and the Board's general consensus was that meters on individual wells may ultimately be the most feasible choice to fully implement the SGMA mandates.

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 covered the Tulare Irrigation Co. meeting held on October 31st, noting the \$110 assessment levy. He also summarized the content of the November 9th K&SJRA board meeting, which included the water operations report, snow sensor status, and Terminus O&M activities. As to the KBWQA meeting held the same day, Director Borges said that assessments and fees by the association are to remain the same.

Director Martin then added that, at the KBWQA meeting, farm evaluations were discussed and that state-level fees are going to increase.

Director Bixler thereupon brought up the prior two Wutchumna WC meetings held on October 11th and November 7th, citing the assessments levied thereat and discussions regarding the City of Woodlake and its storm water discharge system into Bravo Lake. He also summarized the October 18th meeting of the KRPA, referencing USCE repair plans at the intake tower and planning work for Unit No. 2. Director Bixler then provided an update on the October 26th meeting of the Friant WA, at which he attended as an alternate. Lastly, he summarized the subject matter of the Evans DC meeting held on October 31st, which included a \$35 assessment and the elimination of periodic preparation of an agreed-upon procedures report by an independent auditor.

Closed Session:

The Board thereupon entered into closed session under §54956.8 and §54956.9(b) 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

