

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE
5th DAY OF OCTOBER 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; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; and Jeremy Barroll, Assistant Engineer. Also present at the meeting was Russell Jordan. President Bixler noted the cancellation of the regularly scheduled October 9th Board meeting and 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:

Mr. Jordan requested that the District investigate his 2018 irrigation bill, which he believed was grossly higher than previous years.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2018, had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. By the motion of Director Borges and second by Director Martin, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the meeting were thereupon approved as presented.

Watermaster Report:

Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw noted that the Bureau of Reclamation increased the Class 1 allocation to 88%, which was an increase of 3%. He indicated that current water supply stood at 887 AF of CVP supply and 1,056 AF of Kaweah River supply.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work - Mr. Fox reported to the Board that two mowers were being operated in the District and grader operations were following behind the mowers, currently working in the Waukena area. He noted that the District would take possession of the new grader in the coming weeks and would be immediately put into operations on the canals. Next Mr. Fox updated the Board on herbicide applications, sharing that pre-emergent and contact herbicides were being applied throughout the District. Thereupon Mr. Fox noted that turnout repairs were ongoing and the staff was repairing a couple of turnout gates a day in preparation for the next season. Lastly, it was reported that dredging operations were ongoing with two excavators to remove sediment in areas throughout the District.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Mr. Fukuda then presented the financial statements for August 2018 for the Board's review and consideration. He addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for January through September 2018 was \$3,832,251, which was approximately 89.84% of the revised budget. Mr. Fukuda next presented the expenses, highlighting several items but reporting expenses from January to September 2018 totaling \$6,947,930, which was approximately 77.93% of the revised budget. He then went on

with presenting the statements of cash flows and net assets, stating that the current cash standing was at \$11,061,950. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Mr. Fukuda reported that Total Liabilities were at \$11,847,386 and the Total Equity in the District stood at \$36,323,242. She thereupon cited investment returns for the District's several holding accounts, those being 1.93% with the Tulare County Pooled Fund, 1.99% with the state LAIF, and 2.17% with CalTRUST.

Approval of Bill Payments - Mr. Fukuda 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 Borges, second by Director Rogers and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 50156 through 50246 totaling \$420,331.93 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

2017 Financial Statements and Audit - Mr. Fukuda thereupon presented the audited financial statements for 2017 and audit report for the period 2016-17. He indicated that the audit had no issues of concern based upon the Auditors review. Upon the motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried by all board members present, the financial statements and audit report for 2016-17 were accepted.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Barroll provided an update on engineering activities within the District. He first noted the progress on the USBR SCADA Modernization project, which included turnout modifications, the installation of new LOPAC gates at the Packwood Creek/Evans Ditch bifurcation, new Rubicon Slidemeter gates at the two outlets from No. 3 Basin, and the installation of a new measuring station at Evans Ditch. Next, Mr. Barroll reported on repair efforts at the St. Johns River siphon, which including exposing the site and preparation of design plans for the repair.

Management Staff Reports:

Mid-Kaweah GSA - Mr. Fukuda began his report with an update on Kaweah Subbasin activities noting that the Groundwater Communication portal was now available for interested parties to enroll, a Technical Support Services request for six monitoring wells was submitted, a Draft Basin Setting was distributed for management review, groundwater quality data was being gathered and the Kaweah Sub-basin groundwater model was being updated. Mr. Fukuda thereupon described the Hydrologic Zone approach being proposed by GEI to establish and coordinate minimum thresholds and measurable objectives.

Next, Mr. Fukuda provided an update on activities at the MKGSA. He first reported on changes at the MKGSA with the resignation of Greg Nunley, and his replacement being Howard Stroman and the alternates being Carlton Jones and Jim Pennington. He then gave a report on the recent District SGMA Workshop whereby 130 farmers attended and received an update on the MKGSA activities. Next, Mr. Fukuda noted activities at the Advisory Committee, which included a presentation of the economics of minimum thresholds, implementation of the Outreach Plan, development of surveys and the introduction of minimum thresholds. Lastly, Mr. Fukuda reported that a contract for the SkyTEM flights was completed and the data would be collected towards the end of October or beginning of November.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda began his report with an update on the work being done to address subsidence in the Friant-Kern Canal, noting that work was being done quickly and a workshop was held on October 10th. Next Mr. Fukuda provided an update on the Temperance Flat effort, reporting that the Temperance Flat JPA was in the process of being adopted and that modeling for the reservoir continues.

District Property Williamson Act - Mr. Fukuda reported to the Board that upon the prior month's decision and in coordination with the neighbor, it was determined that the District had the responsibility to keep the property in the Williamson Act. He noted that he would be working on this immediately with Tulare County.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action

Resolutions Nos. 18-09, 18-10 - Mr. Fukuda presented the established form of resolution to levy the annual assessment to partially fund CVP water purchases in 2018 and for groundwater recharge operations. He further presented the established form of resolution to fix the annual charge for 2018 to defray the costs to the District of the USBR - imposed Friant surcharge and environmental restoration fees. It was moved by Director Borges and seconded by Director Thomas, duly put and carried, that Resolution No. 18-09 levying an assessment of 0.8% of the District assessed valuation on all lands within the District, be approved and adopted. It was additionally moved by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Borges and unanimously carried by all board members present, duly put and carried, that Resolution No. 18-10, fixing a charge of \$16 per acre on all lands within the District, be approved and adopted.

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 at the Kaweah and St. Johns Rivers association highlighting a discussion on SGMA and the upcoming development of a water budget approach. He also noted that the KDWCD had entered into a contract with DWR for six ASO flights this winter. Next, Director Borges reported on activities at the Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association making a note of groundwater trend monitoring to take place in the fall and spring.

Director Thomas provided an update on Wutchumna Water Company activities noting that the recent assessment was \$250 per share. He pointed out that the lake was to be drained on August 30th and that the City of Woodlake storm drain pump pipelines in the Bravo Lake were being replaced. Lastly, Director Thomas reported on recent activities at Bravo Gardens and a request by Manuel Jimenez to lease WWC land to keep the gardens open to the public.

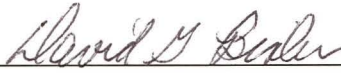
Closed Session:

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

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



Secretary



President