

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District convened a meeting on March 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President JUNIO. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3 Randy Parreira

Director Div.2 Bill DeGroot - ABSENT

Director Div.5 Frank Junio

Director Div. 1 Neal Westbrook

Director Div.4 Rusty Schott

## District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager Mike Battles, Assistant Manager Mark Greenall, Controller

## Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel Susan Long, Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust Dan Vink, Consultant Abigail Hart, The Nature Conservancy

### Landowners and Public:

Luis Sanchez Nicloe Bonna

# **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting, were approved as

presented.

## WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant Water Year 2023 allocation is 100 % Class 1 and 70% Class 2 and the system is currently in Uncontrolled Season. District deliveries from Friant were continued through February and into March through an exchange agreement with Delano Earlimart ID. The CVC allocation is currently 35%. No action was taken.

The Board discussed water rates for the current run. No action was taken.

LIMAS, reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, the water quality ad-hoc committee activities, subsidence/capacity correction current activities and studies of phase 2 capacity correction options and a potential cost share with Lower Tule for their share. No action was taken.

## **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

DAN VINK reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activity including work on a Fishbio study on fish mortality in the Delta. No action was taken.

#### DISTRICT OPERATIONS

### Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed water operations and canal maintenance activities. In addition to water run related activities, including trash removal in Deer Creek, the Tule River and canals, safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. PWC and Vandalia capital projects are ongoing. Winter maintenance activities are currently on hold to deal with water deliveries. BATTLES also

gave an update on the following Pixley projects; Lateral 4, and Eastside capacity improvement projects. No action was taken.

The Board considered Resolution 2023-3-1 Considering execution of a grant agreement with the Department of Water Resources. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-3-1.

## Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed updates to the Employee Handbook. After Discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved the updated Employee Handbook.

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of February. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the financial reports.

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of February. On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved the bills paid.

# MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

## Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

LIMAS reviewed DCTRA activities, the minutes of the meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. No Action was taken.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

There being no further business to be brought to the Board attention, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas

General Manager