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# 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 April 13, 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
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 John Michael Domondon, Engineer

## **Others Present:**

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel Susan Long, Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust

#### Landowners and Public:

Luis Sanchez Gina Haag Charles Haag

## **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

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On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 9, 2023, meeting, were approved as presented.

The Board discussed the May meeting date, which falls the same week as the ACWA conference. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved moving the meeting to Thursday, May 18.

During the Public Comment period, Charles Haag discussed flood damage to his property during the March flood events. The Haag property is located just east of the Friant Kern Canal and the Deer Creek basins.

#### WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Friant Water Year 2023 allocation is 100 % Class 1 and 70% Class 2 and the system is currently in Uncontrolled Season. The CVC allocation is currently 80%. Snow water content is more than 300% of average in the Southern Sierras and nearly 250% statewide. No action was taken.

Staff reviewed a recap of the March flood operations including a video showing both before and after of system damages and repairs. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the current water run and water rates. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified March flood rates of \$0 per acre-foot with 50/50 sharing of groundwater credits between the District and landowners, and approved an April and May water rate of \$100 per acre-foot per acre-foot beginning Monday April 17. The summer rate will be assessed at the May Board meeting.

The Board considered Resolution 2023-4-1 Considering execution of 2023 WY 215 contract with USBR pursuant to the District's Cross Valley Contract. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-4-1.

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

ALEX PELTZER 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 and flood operation 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. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed proposals to prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the Lateral 4 Project. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROIOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved a proposal from Hartman Engineering.

# Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of March. On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the financial reports.

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of March. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA 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.

LIMAS reviewed damages to the Deer Creek basins during the March flood events.

### **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,

ric Limas

General Manager