

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District convened a meeting on My 18, 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 – (9.:45)
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Assistant Manager  
John Michael Domondon, Engineer

***Others Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel (teleconference)

***Landowners and Public:***

Luis Sanchez  
Geof Vanden Huevel

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the minutes of the April 13, 2023, meeting, were approved as presented.

## **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 100%. The Board also discussed allowing landowners who have no access to District surface water to purchase and recharge water. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the current water run and water rates. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved a summer water rate of \$100 per acre-foot.

LIMAS, reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, the water quality policy activities, subsidence/capacity correction current activities. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the activity regarding the study of phase 2 capacity correction options and a potential cost share with Lower Tule for their share. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT, and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 50/50 cost share with Lower Tule on the study. The current estimated cost for Pixley is \$91,248.

The Board discussed joining the Friant Water Authority as a General Member. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved joining the Friant Water Authority.

## **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

LIMAS reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activity including work on a Fishbio study on fish mortality in the Delta. Also discussed was what how these activities might be covered in the future, given that several SVWA districts have joined Friant Water Authority. 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. There are still long-term bank repairs to the system that are needed. BATTLES also reported that there is an issue with the Dozer, currently believed to be a head gasket issue. No action was taken.

LIMAS reported that the District received a grant for metering the District turnouts from the Bureau of Reclamation.

LIMAS reviewed proposals to perform a Cultural Resources Study as part of the Bureau of Reclamation NEPA document for the Lateral 4 project. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved a proposal from ASM Affiliates.

### Administrative Activities

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of April. 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

Approved

LIMAS reported that DCTRA held its last meeting in May. Staff and general counsel are taking the final actions to close out the JPA. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reported on flood damages and plans to repair the Deer Creek basins.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Announcement of actions taken in prior closed sessions which have now become final: Action taken: Sale of 467.29 acres, APNs 313-080-015 ;313-080-010; 313-080-009; 313-080-008; 313-110-008, closed escrow May 3, 2023. Purchase if 72.73 acres, APNs 313-090-009; 313-90-034; 313-090-035; 313-090-036; 313-090-037; 313-090-014; 313-100-001; 313-100-002; 313-100-010; 313-100-008, closed escrow May 3, 2023.

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