

**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 September 14, 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
John Michael Domondon, Engineer
Mark Greenall, Controller

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Jennifer Spaletta, Special Counsel
Tom Harder, Thomas Harder and Compnay (via video conference)
Abby Hart, The Nature Conservancy, MLRP Project Manager (via video conference)

Landowners and Public:

Susan Long

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 DEGROOT, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the August 10, 2023, meeting, were approved as presented.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Friant Water Year 2023 allocation is 100 % Class 1 and 15% Class 2. Uncontrolled Season ended on July 29. The CVC allocation is currently 100%. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the monthly water delivery report. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the current water run and water rates. The water run is currently estimated to end in the last week of October. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, water policy activities, subsidence/capacity correction current activities, studies of phase 2 capacity correction study, and upcoming FWA Board retreat. No action was taken.

The Board considered Resolution 2023-9-1 A Resolution Adopting Responsible Party Agency Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Cooperative Agreement for the Implementation of the New Guidelines for Accepting Water into the Friant Kern Canal. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-9-1.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

LIMAS reviewed the South Valley Water Association activity and scope of work 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 activities, safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections were performed, and canal maintenance and spraying were performed. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. BATTLES gave updates on the SPP, Pixley Lateral 4 project and winter maintenance planning. No action was taken.

MIKE BATTLES presented proposals for the purchase of a backhoe. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved purchasing a Caterpillar Backhoe, in the amount of \$175,511.

MIKE BATTLES and MARK GREENALL presented options for pickup purchases as well as leasing options. No action was taken.

MIKE BATTLES presented a proposal for the purchase of pipe on the Lateral 4 project. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved rejecting the bid, updating the project specs and rebidding.

The Board considered Resolution 2023-9-2 A Resolution considering acceptance of the following properties for District purchase: APNs 313-090-002, 313-090-029, 313-100-003, 313-090-020, 313-100-014. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2023-9-2.

Administrative Activities

MARK GREENALL presented an amortization schedule showing the potential of opening a Trust account and prefunding future Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB). After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board authorized staff to open a Trust account with CALPERS.

GREENALL reported that the District will be losing the current Dental insurance provider at the end of the year. GREENALL also reviewed options for both Dental and Vision Insurance coverage going forward. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the staff recommendation of going with Ameritas Dental and Vision Insurance.

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


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

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