



Approved

**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 October 12, 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
John Michael Domondon, Engineer
Mark Greenall, Controller

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Lanny Simpson, Hartman Engineering

Landowners and Public:

Susan Long, Stephanie Mercado, Geof Vanden Huevel, Sebastian Silveira, Seth Merritt, Jake Mouw

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the September 14, 2023, meeting, were approved as presented.

On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the minutes of the September 19, 2023, special 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. The CVC allocation is currently 100%. CVC water will start being delivered within a week. 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. The Board reviewed and discussed the lands that do not have access to the District conveyance system and did not have the opportunity to recharge water. After discussion, on motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Board approved allocating 0.5 acre-feet per acre of groundwater credits to those lands.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

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

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

LIMAS reviewed the South Valley Water Association activity and scope of work for FISHBIO. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

JOIHN MICHEAL DOMONDON 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. DOMONDON gave updates on the SPP, Pixley Lateral 4 project and winter maintenance planning. No action was taken.

MIKE BATTLES updated the Board on the Grader and backhoe purchases previously approved. Both pieces of equipment should be received by late 2023 or early 2024.

BATTLES and MARK GREENALL presented options for pickup purchases as well as leasing options. After discussion, on motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved the purchase of 3 half ton pickups, the lease of 3 half ton pickups and replacing the Assistant Manager's pickup.

LIMAS reviewed a draft wheeling agreement with Gladstone for wheeling Friant water they purchase to their property. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved rejecting the bid, updating the project specs and rebidding.

The Board had a hearing and considered Resolution 2023-10-1 A Resolution of Necessity considering a recharge basin project and canal easement on APN 299-040-006. After discussion and closing the hearing, on motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director PARREIRA, and approved on a 3-0 vote, with Director WESTBROOK recusing himself, the Board approved Resolution 2023-10-1.

Administrative Activities

LIMAS presented the draft 2024 budgets, which were also reviewed in detail at the Board Budget workshop. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the operations and maintenance budget of \$5,932,000 and PIXID budget of \$11,830,139.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-10-2 considering the 2024 assessment rates. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution setting the assessment rate at \$133.95 per acre.

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of September. 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 September. On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK 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