

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

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District met in a regular meeting on the 7th day of April 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California.

The meeting was called to order by President Atsma. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3	Thewis Atsma
Director Div.2	Bill DeGroot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio
Director Div. 1	Raymond Westbrook - <b>ABSENT</b>
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

Staff present:

Daniel G. Vink, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Operations Manager  
Eric Limas, Business Manager

Guests present:

Consulting Engineer Dennis Mills, Provost and Pritchard  
District Counsel Alex Peltzer (via phone)

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director De Groot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the March 10, 2011 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director De Groot the Minutes were unanimously approved and ordered placed on file.

**WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager Vink reviewed a variety of water related activities including the current declaration and flood control operations for the month of March. The Districts primary source of water for the month of March was Deer Creek water with a small amount of Friant Section 215 water supplementing the Deer Creek flows.

The District will be receiving \$15.00 Section 215 water most likely through the month of

April and possibly into May. It is projected that the District's summer run should be able to continue for the month of June, July and August, although more information will be forthcoming at a subsequent meeting.

The Board then welcomed District Counsel Alex Peltzer via phone. The meeting was called to order into Executive Session to discuss matters related to threatened litigation. Upon coming out of Executive Session it was reported that no action was taken.

Peltzer then engaged in a discussion with the Board and District staff on deliveries to excess lands and the merits of additional charges for delivery of water to excess lands. With the conversion of the Friant contracts to a 9d form, water available for delivery for excess lands will be more prevalent. It was determined that, should the District have to pay additional costs related to purchase of water that can be used on excess lands, then at that time a decision would be made as to how to pass on those costs. No action was taken.

The Board also reviewed a letter prepared by General Manager Vink and executed by President Atsma responding to the Porterville ID request in March. No action was taken.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### **Operations & Maintenance**

The Board reviewed a number of Operation and Maintenance activities including:

- The up keep of the Districts facilities
- The system related to water operations and;
- The work continuing on the inter-tie canal

General Manager Vink also briefed the Board on the distribution system expansion and the CEQA work, which is in progress and being prepared by Consulting Engineer David De Groot with Four Creeks Engineering.

General Manager Vink then updated the Board on a change in communications policy, wherein District employees are now reimbursed for a portion of their cell phone plan. The District will be reimbursing employees not currently receiving a District provided phone, \$25 per month and for use of their personal cell phone.

### **Administrative Matters**

General Manager Vink and Business Manager Limas reviewed with the Board the 2012 health insurance rates and possible alternatives including having coverage by Special District Risk Management Association. No action was taken.

At approximately 9:30am Consulting Engineer Dennis Mills entered the meeting to review with the Board the consumption use study and a final presentation on the findings. After considerable review and discussion of the findings the Board thanked Mr. Mills for his presentation. The findings, along with the data in total, will be prepared and included in a final report and summary.

#### Financials

The Financial Statements for the month March 2011 were reviewed. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the March bills prior to the April meeting. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of Finance Committee in the payment of the March bills.

#### **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

General Manager Vink updated the Board on the contract renewal and the issues related to cross Valley canal and pending trips to Washington D.C. to meet with the Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation officials. No action was taken.

#### **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the March 24th minutes of the Friant Water Authority meeting. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here. The District has also received a call for funds in the amount of \$23,500.00. On motion by Director De Groot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds to Friant Water Authority in the amount of \$23,500.00.

#### **MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:**

##### Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority held it's meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

#### **U.S. DEPT OF INTERIOR/BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:**

Nothing new to report.

**MEETINGS, HEARINGS, NOTICES:**

Nothing new to report.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

- A. ACWA / JPIA – CVPWA
- C. CWRA
- D. NWRA
- E. Chamber of Commerce
- F. Ag Water Committee
- G. Water Education Foundation
- H. California Farm Water Coalition
- I. Family Water Alliance

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager