

**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 11th day of August 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California.

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

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

Staff present:

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

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the June 9, 2011 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board received a briefing from staff on the 2011-2012 health insurance premiums and options for stabilizing the rates the District. This was a continuation of an on-going discussion from prior Board meetings. After considerable review and discussion, on motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board established the 2011-2012 health insurance premium co-pays by the District at the greater of the PERS Choice rate. This will apply to both current employees and retirees.

**WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including a detailed report

from General Manager Vink on the available water supply. It appears that the District will have enough water available to run through the month of October and into November. On motion by Director R.L Westbrook, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board ratified the summer water rate at \$65.00 an acre foot. The District has received water from a variety of sources including other Friant Contractors and Deer Creek runoff.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including an update from General Manager Vink on the Distribution System Expansion and the letter sent to landowner RICHARD OWENS requesting negotiation of property purchase. No response has been received to date. Vink will follow up with Owens and report back at a subsequent meeting.

The District will be holding a public hearing sometime in September or October 2011 on the finalizing of the CEQA documents.

Operations Manager Battles reviewed with the Board the equipment needs for the District including a plan to purchase a new water truck per the 2011 budget. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchase of a new water truck at a price not to exceed \$120,000.00 pending final review by District staff.

### Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative matters including an update on strategic planning process and on the Pixley banking program. The Board will be considering the strategic plan for final review in September.

### Financials

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month July 2011. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook 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 June & July bills. Included in the bills was the renewal of the JPIA auto and liability insurance. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of Finance Committee in the payment of the June & July bills.

At approximately 9:30am Auditor Paul Klippenstein entered the meeting to review with the Board the 2010 Audited Financial Statements. The Board spent considerable time reviewing the Financial Statements with Auditor Paul Klippenstein and on motion by Director DeGroot, second

by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board accepted the 2010 Audited Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

At approximately 10:00am District Counsel Alex Peltzer entered the meeting to discuss with the Board the recent claims against Angiola Water District. The Board remained in open session for a period to receive an update on the status of the claims as well as to discuss the Angiola water usage as a whole.

At approximately 10:15am the Board went into closed session to discuss existing and pending litigation in more detail. Vice President Junio recused himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest. General Manager Vink chaired the meeting from that point forward.

Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that there was no reportable action taken.

### **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board received a brief update on Cross Valley Canal activities. No action was taken.

### **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the June 23rd & July 28th minutes of the Friant Water Authority meeting. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

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

#### **Deer Creek & Tule River Authority**

The Board reviewed the July 15th minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Authority meeting. 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 - ACWA Region 7, the District has received a recommended slate of officers for ACWA Region 7 Board. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board accepted the recommendations of

the nominating committee for the slate.

- B. 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