

**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 December 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 - ABSENT
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

Staff present:

Daniel G. Vink, General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

Guest Present:

Dennis Mills, Provost & Pritchard via conference call
David DeGroot, 4 Creeks Engineering via conference call

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The Minutes of the November 14, 2011 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Junio second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board considered the election of officers for the Board and appointments to the various positions held by District officers and staff. After reviewing the current slate, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved, the Board concurred on keeping the current slate of officers and appointments for 2012.

WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including an update from General Manager Vink on the water supply conditions. It has been a relatively dry fall. General Manager Vink projected that approximately 5,000 A/F of water would be available for use in February and/or for carry-over into the 2012 year. A decision on that will be made at a later date.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including an update from General Manager Vink on communications with Rick Owens relative to potential basin property for the distribution system expansion. Vink will continue to communicate with Owens in an attempt to establish price parameters.

At approximately 9:30am General Manager Vink conferenced Consulting Engineer Mills from Provost and Pritchard in via telephone. Mills and Vink reviewed with the Board the preparation of a grant application associated with the construction of the new canal project. The grant would be from the Bureau of Reclamation's Water Smart Program. After considerable review, on motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board authorized preparation of the grant proposal by Provost and Pritchard at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00.

At approximately 9:45am General Manager Vink conferenced in Consulting Engineer David DeGroot from 4-Creeks Engineering via telephone to review with the Board the Negative Declaration as prepared by 4-Creeks Engineering and District staff. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, considering comments from all parties including late comments from the California Department of Fish and Game, the Board certified the Mitigated Negative Declaration associated with the construction of a new canal project. The Board thanked both engineering firms for their work.

General Manager Vink and Operations Manager Battles reviewed with the Board the need to purchase light duty trucks for 2012. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board authorized purchase of three regular cab light duty trucks and one extended cab truck for Operations Manager Battles. The purchase will be through Will Tiesiera Ford at a cost of approximately \$80,000.00. The motion also included a discussion about extended warranty purchase. It was determined that extended warranties would not be purchased.

Personnel

The Board considered cost of living adjustments for non-exempt District staff for 2012. After considerable review and discussion, including an analysis of the Consumer Price Index Cost of Living for West wide and United States averages, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved the Board authorized a 2.5% cost of living for 2012.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed a summary of the DEID / Pixley Banking program including a review of the meeting held by the Advisory committee. The banking program remains on schedule for a go-no-go decision to be made sometime in the spring of 2012.

Financials

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

The Board also reviewed the investment policy for the District. There were no proposed changes to the investment policy for 2012. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board re-adopted the investment policy for 2012.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the November bills. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of Finance Committee in the payment of the November bills.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Friant Water Authority did not have a November Board meeting due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The Friant Water Authority will be having its next meeting December 9, 2011.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the November 18th minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River

APPROVED

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
- 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