

**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 13th day of January 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.	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 Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the December 9, 2010 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott the minutes were unanimously approved and ordered placed on file.

The Financial Statements for the month of December were reviewed. On motion by Director R.L Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file. Included in the presentation of the Financial Statements were closing year-end statements for 2010 and the review of the 2010 budget.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December bills prior to the meeting. 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 bills.

The District has received an audit engagement letter from Auditor Paul Klippenstein to prepare the 2010 audit for the District. Klippenstein is estimating the cost of the audit will be \$6,700.00. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the audit engagement letter with Paul Klippenstein.

General Manager Vink presented for consideration Resolution 2011-1-1, terminating the right of redemption on APN # 313-100-011 and determining the property be sold. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2011-1-1. Nobody was present to contest the termination. A copy of Resolution 2011-1-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including an update from General Manager Vink and Operations Manager Battles on the extensive flooding that occurred during the month of December and into January. The valley received unprecedented rains and as a result the District had to manage significant flows from Deer Creek under flood control operations.

General Manager Vink reviewed the current water rate within the Board. The District is beginning to restore water deliveries to all parts of the District following the management of flood flows. It is anticipated that water deliveries will continue using Deer Creek flows and possibly some Friant water in January and into February. Given the nature of the flood control operations, on motion by Director Junio, second by DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board set the water rate for January at zero with an increase to \$25.00 a/f effective February 1, 2011.

General Manager Vink reported that the recent financing for the 9d contact from Stone Corral Irrigation District was completed.

The District has received a letter from Porterville Irrigation District terminating the contract that Porterville ID has long held with the Pixley Irrigation District for the transfer of surplus water from Porterville to Pixley. The Board reviewed the matter in great length and detail and directed that General Manager Vink discuss the matter further with Porterville Irrigation District management to see if the District could assist Porterville in any way an retain the agreement.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities. Considerable time was spent on the construction of the Tule River Inter-tie canal.

General Manager Vink then introduced for discussion the distribution system expansion and having that project become a shovel ready project in conjunction with the final payment on the sale of property to Bitta Toor, which was schedule for December 2012. General Manager Vink recommended that the District consider preparing preliminary CEQA documentation along with preliminary plans and specifications and order that all or part of the distribution system could be expanded if monies were made available. The Board concurred and directed that General Manager Vink receive a cost estimate from Four Creeks Engineering and David DeGroot to prepare the CEQA documentation.

Personnel

General Manager Vink then presented for consideration various salary and staff issues. The Board convened into Executive session to discuss the matters in more detail. Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that on motion by Director Schott, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board ratified General Manager Vink's recommendations. The action included verification of a review of General Manager Vink's compensation with no adjustments being made. The minutes of the Executive session portion are included in a spate format.

Administrative Matters

General Manager Vink reviewed a recently completed Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (S.W.O.T) analysis. The S.W.O.T analysis was done in conjunction with the Districts effort for strategic planning. The Board concurred with the findings of the S.W.O.T analysis.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

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

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the December 10, 2010 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

Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding its meeting on January 21, 2011.

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 – The District has received a letter of support in the amount of \$10,125.00. The District has been a supporter of the CFWC and its efforts to education California residents on the benefits of irrigated agriculture. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board authorized support in the amount of \$10,125.00.

- I. Family Water Alliance

Approved

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager