

**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 9th day of June 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
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 R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the May 4, 2011 Regular and the June 1st Special meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Junio, the Minutes of the May 4th Regular and the June 1st Special minutes were unanimously approved and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the July Board meeting and after a brief discussion, decided to combine the July and August meeting to be held on August 11, 2011.

Miscellaneous Administration

The Board reviewed the recent State Water Resources Control Board fee ruling handed down by the State Supreme Court. The Board considered continuing the litigation related to fees charged by the SWRCB. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board decided to withdraw from direct participation in the case, via

Somach Simons and Dunn as legal representation, and not pursue the matter on appeal. The District will instead substitute District Counsel ALEX PELTZER to monitor the case in a more indirect manner.

The District has received a notice from the County of Tulare wherein the District can consent to consolidate its 2011 elections with the November general elections held by the County. On motion by Director R.L Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2011-6-1 consenting to consolidate the 2011 elections. A copy of Resolution 2011-6-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

WATER RESOURCES

General Manager Vink reviewed a variety of water related activities including an update on the summer water run. The Friant Division is currently in an uncontrolled season operation which is expected to continue into the month of July. It is anticipate that at this time, the District will have enough water to run through the summer and possibly into September and beyond depending on the residual Class II declaration.

The District has been able to purchase water from a combination of sources including Porterville Irrigation District and Terra Bella Irrigation District. Pixley Irrigation District has also been able to acquire 12,000 acre feet of RWA water though Lower Tule River Irrigation District at a cost of \$15.00 per acre foot. Lower Tule River ID will deliver that water for groundwater recharge within Pixley's boundaries. Water delivered during the month of May was all Section 215 water at a price of \$15 per acre-foot.

The Board reviewed a few other ancillary matters related to water supply including a discussion on groundwater banking and groundwater monitoring within the Districts and ongoing discussion with Porterville Irrigation District on a Water Management program.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities as presented by Operations Manager Battles including routine maintenance activities and a continuing weed problem exacerbated by the length of the water run.

General Manager Vink then briefed the Board on the Distribution System Expansion and the ongoing CEQA work that is scheduled to be done in the fall of 2011. The District will then pursue grant opportunities for expansion of the system.

Administrative Matters

General Manager Vink and Business Manager Limas reviewed a variety of administrative matters including 2012 Health Insurance rates and alternatives. No action was taken

Financials

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month May 2011. 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 May 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 May bills.

Business Manager Limas then reviewed with the Board for payout of the office loan. The District currently has a balance of \$161,247.20 with the interest rate of 5.25%. Business Manager Limas and General Manager Vink recommended a payout of the balance of the office loan from the Districts reserve funds with an annual payment back to the reserved funds over the next several years. On motion by Director R.L Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board concurred with staffs plan and authorized payout of the office loan.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

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

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the May 26th minutes of the Friant Water Authority meeting. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing HR 1837.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority had its meeting on the 20th of May 2011. 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