

**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 10th day of March 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 - ABSENT
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 R.L Westbrook, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

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

The Financial Statements for the month February were reviewed. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director R.L 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 February bills prior to the March meeting. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of Finance Committee in the payment of the February bills including the 2010-2011 Property Insurance Program renewal.

WATER RESOURCES

General Manager Vink led a discussion on the current water supply declaration and available supply. At present, the District is in a flood control operation using Friant Division water purchased from Lower Tule River ID as Uncontrolled Season. The price on that water is \$33.32. Considerable discussion held as to the available supply and the potential water available for 2011. At present, the District is expected to have some water available this summer, although the balance will be depended upon available surplus Class I and Class II water supplies. General Manager Vink was also provided direction to purchase water from Porterville ID for the summer run.

The Board then entered into a discussion on the delivery of water to excess lands and issues of whether or not deliveries to excess land for the same price to deliveries to non excess land is equitable given the current state of the 9d contracts. General Manager Vink reported that he would prepare a matrix outlining the pros and cons and different decision points and review with District Counsel and present the information at a subsequent meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Porterville Irrigation District requesting that Pixley begin discussions with Porterville to develop a cooperative relationship on water supply activities. This comes following a termination of a long term water supply contract that Pixley had with Porterville. The Board held considerable discussion on the matter and directed that General Manager Vink respond back to the Porterville Irrigation District Board indicating that the Pixley Board is willing to begin discussions however, there are to be no pre-determined outcomes or qualifiers on the discussions.

General Manager Vink reviewed the 2011 Westside Cross Valley water availability. It is not likely that the 2011 Westside water will be able to be delivered given the increase in State and Federal allocations and the limitations on pumping.

The District has received a Section 215 contract from the Bureau of Reclamation. On motion by Director Junio, second by R. L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board accepted the 215 contract as submitted by the Bureau of Reclamation and authorized execution of all related documents including Resolution 2011-3-1, approving the Section 215 Temporary contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. A copy of Resolution 2011-3-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed the distribution system expansion for the Eastside of Pixley. Considerable time was spent reviewing the alignment and recommendations for the route. At present the route would be on the Avenue 116 alignment. The Board concurred and directed that staff continue with the District preparation of related CEQA documentation.

Administrative Matters

The Board considered the purchase of three half ton on road vehicles from the State of California General Services bid process. There are no unplanned budget expenditures associated with this item as the District has already budgeted for three pickup trucks for 2011. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved the board authorized purchase of the three vehicles in conjunction with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District. The purchase will be made from the Operation and Maintenance account.

General Manager Vink and Business manager Limas reviewed with the Board recent discussions with the PERS representatives related to the Districts PERS contract. No action was taken.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

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

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the March 3rd 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 Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding it's meeting on the 18th day of March.

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

Nothing new to report.

MEETINGS, HEARINGS, NOTICES:

Nothing new to report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Approved

- 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