

**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 4th day of May 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

Guests present:

District Counsel Ken Richardson (via phone)

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 April 7, 2011 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director R.L Westbrook, second by Director Schott, the Minutes were unanimously approved and ordered placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

General Manager Vink reviewed a variety of water related activities including the current declaration from the Friant Division. The 2011 water year is turning out to be one of the wetter years on record and thus the District should have water available for the entire summer for irrigation. General Manager Vink is developing plans to purchase water for the summer run. At present the District is running on a combination of uncontrolled season water purchased from Lower Tule River Irrigation, 215 water purchased from the Bureau and Recovered Water Account water being delivered to Pixley by the by Lower Tule Irrigation District. The RWA water

being delivered to Pixley amounts to 12,000 a/f and will cost \$15 per acre-foot.

The Board then turned its attention to the water rate for the summer. After considerable discussion focusing on the month of June only, on motion by Director Schott, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board set the water rate for June at \$65.00 a/f.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

General Manager Vink reviewed with the Board a number of Operation and Maintenance activities including the Distribution System Expansion and the ongoing CEQA work. It is projected that the District should have a draft of the CEQA document available in July 2011.

General Manager Vink and Operations Manager Battles presented to the Board for consideration a purchase of a new Cozad low-bed trailer. The Board concurred with the need for the purchase of a new trailer and directed staff to proceed with getting bids for review.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the 2012 health insurance rates and alternatives. General Manager Vink reported that he will be meeting with the employees during the month of May to review the proposed changes from an HMO/PPO arrangement to a PPO only arrangement including a possibility of shifting the Districts coverage from PERS to the Districts Special Risk Management Authority.

Financials

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month April 2011. On motion by Director Junio, 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 April bills prior to the May meeting. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of Finance Committee in the payment of the April bills.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities. District Counsel KEN RICHARDSON was conferenced into the meeting. General Manager Vink to briefed the Board on the recent trip to Washington D.C. and the meetings with the Commissioner of the Bureau of

Reclamation and various Capitol Hill staff. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the contract renewal and the other issues related to Cross Valley contracts. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the April 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 Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding its regular meeting on the 20th day of May.

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