



APPROVED

**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 6th day of October 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 - <b>ABSENT</b>
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

Guest Present:

Alex Peltzer, District Counsel (Via telephone)  
David De Groot, Engineer (Via telephone)

**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 September 8, 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.

**WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager Vink reviewed a variety of water resources activities with the Board including the continuation of the District's fall water run. It is anticipated that the water will now continue through the end of October at which time the District will discontinue the run for routine

fall and winter maintenance activities.

The balance of the water use for October is largely going to recharge as the District is back into a full recharge mode.

General Manager Vink then presented for consideration an exchange agreement with Kern-Tulare. The premise of the exchange agreement includes Pixley transferring approximately 12,000 a/f annually through its agreement with Stone Corral to Kern-Tulare on a 2-1 exchange ratio with the return water coming back to Pixley in normal to wet years. This will allow the District to take the 12,000 a/f of water that it's getting from Stone Corral as part of the 9d Contract financing program and exchange that water for 24,000 a/f of water from Kern-Tulare over a similar time period.

On motion by Director Schott, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved the Board accepted the agreement with Kern-Tulare and authorized execution.

The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss pending or threatening litigation in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9. District Counsel ALEX PELTZER participated via telephone. Upon coming out of Executive Session it was reported no action was taken.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### **Operations & Maintenance**

General Manager Vink reviewed with the Board variety of Operation and Maintenance activities, including the initial study that has been prepared by District staff and Consultants for the Distribution System Expansion. After considerable review of the Executive Summary, in a staff report as presented by Engineer DAVID DE GROOT who participated via telephone, on motion by director Junio, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board received and accepted an initial study related to the Mitigated Negative Declaration associated with the construction of a new canal project. The Board then directed a public hearing be held on December 8, 2011 to consider all input and accept the final report.

General Manager Vink also updated the Board on other matters related to the project.

The Board then briefly convened into Executive Session to confer on Real Property negotiations in accordance with Government Code 54957. Upon coming out of Executive Session it was reported no action was taken.

Operations Manager Battles then reviewed with the Board the recent purchase of several items of equipment pursuant to Board approval.

Operations Manager Battles also reviewed with the Board the on-going and planned fall and winter maintenance activities.

#### Administrative Matters

General Manager Vink presented for consideration a finalized Strategic Plan as prepared by staff and reviewed periodically by the Board over the last several months. The Board considered the adoption of the 10-year Strategic Plan and on motion by Director Schott, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board adopted the vision and Strategic Plan and directed that it be used as a guidepost for decision making and planning over the next several years. That plan will be reviewed periodically with the Board.

General Manager Vink provided a brief update on the Delano-Earlimart / Pixley banking program. More information will be forthcoming at the November meeting.

Business Manager Limas presented for review the 2012 Draft Budgets as submitted with the Board packets. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director R.L Westbrook, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board adopted the 2012 General District & Operations and Maintenance Budgets.

#### Financials

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month September 2011. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director Junio 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 September bills. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of Finance Committee in the payment of the September bills.

#### **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

General Manager Vink and Business Manager Limas updated the Board on a variety of Contract Renewal and WAPA / PWRPA discussions. No action was taken.

#### **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the September 22, 2011 minutes of the Friant Water Authority meeting. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

The District has received a call for funds in the amount of \$20,000.00. On motion by

Director Junio, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds in the amount of \$20,000.00

**MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:**

**Deer Creek & Tule River Authority**

The Board reviewed the Deer Creek & Tule River Authority minutes of the September 16, 2011 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