

**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 8th day of September 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

Guest Present:

Alex Peltzer, District Counsel

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 August 11, 2011 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

At approximately 9:30am the Board convened as a Board of Equalization pursuant to California Water Code. The purpose of the Equalization hearing was to determine the assessed values as prepared by the Assessor for fiscal year 2012.

After some review of the Resolutions, on motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2011-9-1, setting the 2012 assessment rate. The Board of Equalization hearing was then closed. A copy of Resolution

2011-9-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

WATER RESOURCES

General Manager Vink updated the Board on a variety of water resources activities including the fall water run. At present the District will have enough water to run through October with some additional water potentially being available in February for pre-irrigation. The Board reviewed the water rate and no action was taken.

The Board then spent some time reviewing various water management programs including an update from General Manager Vink on recent discussions with Angiola Water District. The Board discussed the Angiola Water District matters in open session briefly.

At approximately 10am District Counsel ALEX PELTZER entered the meeting and the Board convened into closed session to discuss the Angiola Water District matter further. Upon going into closed session, Director Junio recused himself from the meeting do to a conflict of interest. Upon coming out of closed session it was reported no action was taken.

General Manager Vink reported that the exchange agreement with Kern-Tulare that was scheduled for review at the September meeting has been deferred to October to complete some final revisions to the agreement.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including an update from General Manager Vink on the Distribution System Expansion and recent conversations he had with landowner RICHARD OWENS relative to some potential basin property at the termination of the new canal. General Manager Vink recommended that an appraisal be obtained to begin the process of determining fair market and relative value. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board authorized the District to seek an appraisal to begin the process of negotiating a price with landowner Mr. OWENS.

General Manager Vink also reported that the October meeting will be scheduled as the hearing date to consider and adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration associated with the project.

Operations Manager Battles then reviewed the purchasing needs for two pieces of equipment; A new spray rig for District operations and a new water truck. After considerable discussion and review of the bids received, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchase of a water truck for the amount of \$125,000.00 and a new spray rig in the amount of \$45,896.00 from GIBBS

INTERNATIONAL.**Administrative Matters**

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative matters including:

- An update on the Strategic Plan
- DEID / Pixley Banking program
- Report on the availability of the 2012 draft budgets and;
- The recent Bureau of Reclamation Reform Act audit

Financials

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month August 2011. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott 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 August bills. 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 August bills.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including an update on Contract Renewal. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the August 25th 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 Board reviewed the December 16th minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Authority 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