

**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 18th day of December 2012 at 10:30 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 De Groot
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 De Groot and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the November 8, 2012 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

With the regular December meeting comes the need for Board elections. At a previous meeting, President Atsma announced that he would be retiring from of the Board at the end of the December meeting.

Considering the need for a new President, President Atsma turned the chair of the meeting over to General Manager Vink to conduct the election of Board officers to replace President Atsma. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director Atsma and unanimously approved the Board nominated and approved Director Junio as the President of the Pixley

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Irrigation District Board of Directors. On motion by Director Atsma, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved the Board nominated and approved Director Schott as the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District. Those terms will go into effect January 1, 2013.

President Atsma then resumed as the Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including a reconciliation of the Cross Valley deliveries for 2012. General Manager Vink reported that that a total of \$1,335,000.00 has been transferred to the Districts accounts for 2012 from the net sale of Cross Valley water. The final reconciliation of the Cross Valley water deliveries and the sale to Westlands Water District included money set aside for the 2013 expenses including the Avenue 116 project and water purchases.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including an update from Operations Manager Battles on ongoing maintenance activities.

The Board then received a detailed briefing from staff on the Distribution System Expansion including the legal and right-of-way issues. General Manager Vink and Business Manager Limas reported that the basin being purchased from RICK OWENS is in escrow and is scheduled to close at the end of the month.

Business Manager Limas reported that offers to purchase the right-of-way needed, have gone out to all the property owners. The District will take the next 30-60 days to negotiate property purchases and consider eminent domain action, most like at the February Board meeting, for those properties not in escrow at that time.

The Board then considered an action authorizing signers on the various land purchase documents as requested by the bank and the escrow officers. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board appointed Business Manager Limas, General Manager Vink and new Board President Frank Junio as the authorized signers on the documents.

Personnel

The Board considered a 2013 Cost of Living adjustment. The 2013 Cost of Living adjustment is recommended at approximately 2% based on CPI (Consumer Price Index) monitoring for U.S and Western cities averages. A 2% Cost of Living increase was also projected in the 2013 budget. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board accepted the 2013 2% Cost of Living increase as recommend by General Manager Vink.

Administrative Matters

The Board then turned to a variety of routine Administrative matters including an update on the 2013 Investment Policy. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board adopted the Investment Policy with no changes from 2012 to 2013.

The Board then reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of November. 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 November bills. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the November bills.

The Board then considered Resolution 2012-12-2, setting the February 7th meeting as the date to consider terminating the right of redemption on APN 316-080-017. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2012-12-2. A copy of Resolution 2012-12-2 is attached as **Exhibit "B"**.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities including an update from General Manger Vink on the contract renewal status and recent meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation at the ACWA conference to discuss that matter. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the December 14, 2012 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. 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 meeting of the November 16th meeting of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

At approximately 11:00am the Board was joined by the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District for a joint session on the banking project with Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District. The Board received a detailed briefing from the District staff and Consulting Engineers on the project, including a review of a proposed alignment for distribution and return of the water to the Friant-Kern canal.

It was the consensus of the Board that the water should be returned back to the Friant-Kern canal in order to make it a more viable project. No action was taken. A follow up briefing for the Boards will occur in early spring.

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

Nothing new to report.

MEETINGS, HEARINGS, NOTICES:

Nothing new to report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

- A. ACWA / JPIA – Nothing new to report
- B. California Farm Water Coalition – Nothing new to report

At the close of the meeting General Manager Vink presented Resolution 2012-12-1, honoring the service of retiring Director and President Thewis Atsma. General Manager presented the Resolution for consideration and the Resolution was further presented by Vice

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President Junio in the joint session with the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District Board of Directors. After discussion, on motion by Director Junio, second by Director Schott and unanimously and wholeheartedly approved, the Board accepted Resolution 2012-12-1, honoring Director Atsma and his service to the District and ordered that it be placed on file as part of the permanent record. A copy of Resolution 2012-12-1 is attached as **Exhibit "A"**. A hard-copy plaque was presented to Director Atsma.

There being no further business to be brought to the Board's attention and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager