



**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 14th day of February 2012 at 8:30 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 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

Guest Present:

Alex Peltzer, District Counsel
Steve Ottemoeller, FWA Water Resources Manager

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 January 10, 2011 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.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including a preliminary forecast for the Friant Division. The Bureau has indicated a preliminary forecast of 50% Class One although that will not be made official until the end of February. With the dry conditions to date, and for the month, it will likely be a lower declaration.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including the distribution system expansion project. General Manager Vink reported that the grant application to the Bureau has been completed and filed. The District should receive a response sometime in the spring of 2012.

The Board discussed the need for various landowner meetings and the consensus was to have a landowner meeting for the project to begin briefing people on the potential and scope of the expansion project.

The Board reviewed a variety of operation and maintenance activities including a report from Operation Manager Battles. No action was taken.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative matters including an update from General Manager Vink on the DEID-PIX banking project, which is in the final stages of technical review.

Financials

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month January 2012 and after considerable discussion, on motion by Director Junio second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file. Included in the Finance Statements was the authorization to place into restricted funds the recent interest payment from Bitta Toor on the District property sold to Mr. Toor in 2009.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the January 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 January bills.

The District has received an audit engagement letter from Auditor Paul Klippenstein to conduct the 2011 audit. After review and discussion, on motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the audit engagement letter for 2011.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager Vink reviewed the Cross Valley Interim Renewal status of the contacts. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the January 19, 2011 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 January 19, 2011 minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. 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:

At approximately 9:00am the Board convened a joint meeting with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board of Directors.

At 9:00am Friant Water Authority Water Resources Manager Steve Ottemoeller entered the meeting to give both the Lower Tule River and Pixley Irrigation District Boards a briefing on the Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta. Ottemoeller briefed the Board on a number of activities related to the Delta including new Delta conveyance facilities and impacts on Delta issues as they relate to Friant operations.

The Board thanked Ottemoeller for his time and expressed their appreciation for his work in putting his presentation together.

At 10:00am the meeting was convened into Executive Session by President Atsma to confer with General Counsel on pending litigation matters with District Counsel Alex Peltzer. Director Junio recused himself from the meeting for conflict of interest purposes.

Upon coming out of Executive Session it was reported that no action was taken. In addition

APPROVED

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

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

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager