

**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 10th day of January 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:

Dennis Mills, Provost & Pritchard (via phone)
Alex Peltzer, District Counsel

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Pixley Board is meeting earlier than normal in order to coincide their meeting with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board of Directors meeting for a joint discussion on a variety of issues.

The Minutes of the December 7, 2011 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities. The 2012 water year is

shaping up to be one of the dryer years on record, which means that any water remaining from 2011 will likely be scheduled for carry-over into 2012.

At approximately 9:15am the Board convened into Executive session to discuss various litigation matters. District Counsel ALEX PELTZER was present for the discussion. Upon coming out of Executive session it was reported that no action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including an update from General Manager Vink on the Avenue 116 distribution system expansion project. The Board had previously authorized preparation of a grant application related to the Bureau's Water Smart Funding. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2012-1-4; authorizing filing of a grant application associated with the construction of a new canal project with the Bureau of Reclamation. It is anticipated the District will have a response to the application sometime in the spring of 2012. A copy of Resolution 2012-1-4 is attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

Operations Manager Battles reviewed a variety of routine winter maintenance activities.

Personnel

General Manager Vink reminded the Board that the General Manager's contract requires an annual review in January of each year. General Manager Vink will work with the President and Vice President of both the Pixley Irrigation and Lower Tule River Irrigation Districts to review the General Manager's contract to discuss related compensation and performance.

Administrative Matters

General Manager Vink reviewed the status of the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District / Pixley banking program. The Board also considered entering into a representation agreement with Young & Wooldridge to cover legal matters related to the development of the banking project. While the project is still not at a "go" status, there is some minor legal work that needs to be done. Vink recommended the Board have independent legal counsel to represent the District so as to avoid potential conflicts. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot an unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the representation with Young and Wooldridge.

The District has received a termination redemption Resolution from the District Collector. On

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motion by Director Junio, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2012-1-1; terminating the right of redemption on APN # 298-100-013 and directing the property be sold. A copy of Resolution 2012-1-1 is attached as **Exhibit "B"**.

Financials

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month December 2011 and the year end Financial Statements including a report on assessment receivables. On motion by Director Schott second by Director DeGroot 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 December bills. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of Finance Committee in the payment of the December bills.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including conferring with District Counsel KEN RICHARDSON via telephone to discuss the Interim Renewal Contracts. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolutions 2012-1-2 and 2012-1-3; authorizing execution of the IR14 Interim Renewal Contract and also authorizing filing of a Categorical Exemption as per CEQA guidelines. A copy of Resolution 2012-1-2 and 2012-1-3 are attached as **Exhibit "C" and "D"**.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the December 9, 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 Deer Creek and Tule River Authority Board will be meeting on the 20th of January 2012.

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

Nothing new to report.

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MEETINGS, HEARINGS, NOTICES:

Nothing new to report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

- A. ACWA / JPIA – Nothing new to report
- B. California Farm Water Coalition – The District has received a request for support for the Farm Water Coalition in the amount of \$10,215.00 for 2012. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board authorized support for the Farm Water Coalition.
- 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