

**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 March 2012 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

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director R.L Westbrook, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the February 14, 2012 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

General Manager Vink reviewed a variety of water resources activities including the 2012 operations forecast from Friant Division, which is currently at 35% Class I. 35% Class I would be one of the dries years on record and the driest year since 1977.

The District currently has approximately 4200 a/f water available s carry-over water from

2012 supply purchased by the District from Terra-Bella. That water is being carried over by the Lower Tule River Irrigation District. Considerable discussion was held relative to the value of that water for 2012 and a potential duration of a run, which General Manager Vink estimated would last no more than a week to ten days.

The Board then gave some discussion to trading that water to neighboring Districts for future year water on a three or four to one payback ratio. The Board directed staff to pursue the matter further and report back at a subsequent meeting.

General Manager Vink briefed the Board on various water supply activities including the letter that was distributed to the Angiola Board following the February meeting. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities. General Manager Vink briefed the Board on the Distribution Expansion for the Avenue 116 project and the upcoming landowner meeting associated with that project. That meeting will be held on the 20th of March at 10:00 am at the District office.

General Manager Vink discussed a conversation that he had with Charlie Pitigliano who is leasing the Rick Owens property that is being considered as a potential sinking basin. No action was taken.

Operations Manager Battles reviewed a variety of Operations and Maintenance activities including a potential purchase for a new backhoe for the District. Operations Manager Battles will solicit bids and return them to the Board, or the Finance Committee for subsequent review.

Administrative Matters

General Manager Vink updated the Board on the DEID-PIX banking project. The banking project review is in its final stages with work currently being done to model groundwater impacts and changes. The model should be rolled out to the Board at the April or May 2012 meeting.

Financials

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month February 2012 and after considerable discussion, 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 February 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 February bills. Included in the payment of the bills and ratification was the JPA property renewal for 2012 in the amount of \$4,311.00.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager Vink reviewed the 2012 delivery scenarios. At present ,with a dry year allocation for South Delta Contractors and State Water Project Contractors, the District should have capacity to deliver its Cross Valley canal water for 2012. Although increasing state water project supplies could squeeze those deliveries to late summer early fall.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the February 29, 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 March 16, 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:

General Manager Vink requested a combined July and August meeting to accommodate a family vacation scheduled for July. The Board concurred and will set the July/August meeting date following the June meeting.

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



APPROVED

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned to the 28th day of March for a joint session with other districts to discuss the San Joaquin River settlement and related litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager