

**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 3rd day of May 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 Junio, second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the March 8, 2012 Regular meeting, and the March 23, 2012 Special meeting, were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director Westbrook 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 current declarations from the Friant Division, which remains at 50% Class I. Under a 50% Class I scenario, the District will likely have no water available for a summer irrigation run. The

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balance of the Districts 2011 water, carried over under Lower Tule River Irrigation Districts contract, is being transferred to Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District for future year payback on a 4 to 1 ratio, along with 500 a/f of water being transferred to Kern-Tulare Irrigation District under a prior agreement relating to the Stone Corral 9d financing program.

The Board reviewed a request from landowner Randy Parreira for an easement along the Districts Lateral 3 and Micheilli 3 Basin. After considerable review and discussion, the Board determined it would be District policy that the District will provide an easement through District owned property under three conditions:

- (1) The easement is for the purpose of providing water service to lands within the District that currently don't receive surface water.
- (2) The District be given the right to encumber the easement for repair and maintenance of its own facilities and;
- (3) The landowner pays a \$1000.00 processing fee to the District.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

General Manager Vink updated the Board on the status of the Avenue 116 project, at which point Consulting Engineer Dennis Mills from Provost and Pritchard entered the meeting. General Manager Vink reported that the District has received notice from the Bureau of Reclamation that the District has been awarded \$1.5 million grant under the "Water Smart" program. Mills then spent time reviewing with the Board the scheduling an outline of project timing. The Board also spent time reviewing conversations between General Manager Vink and Landowner Rick Owens for purchase of property at the terminal spill facility at the Avenue 116 project. No action was taken

Other matters discussed with the Board pertaining to the 116 project included the National Environmental Protect Act (NEPA) Work, design and the schedule for construction.

The Board then considered authorization to enter into agreements for appraisal services. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board directed staff to solicit bids for appraisals and authorized General Manager Vink to enter into a contract with an appraisal service company for appraisals along the alignment needed for Right of Way.

Business Manager Limas reported that the staff will prepare an updated 2012 General District budget to reflect the construction work. That budget will be reviewed and acted on by the Board in June or July.

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Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the months of March & April 2012. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director R. L Westbrook second by Director De Groot 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 March & April bills. On motion by Director De Groot, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of Finance Committee in the payment of the April bills.

Auditor Paul Klippenstein entered the meeting to review with the Board the 2011 Audited Financial Statements. After considerable review and discussion, on motion by Director R. L Westbrook, second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Audited Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed the 2012 Cross Valley canal deliveries. General Manager Vink reported that the window for deliveries is closing rapidly as the state water project supply has been increasing. General Manager Vink will be meeting later in the month with the Bureau of Reclamation to try and determine a viable alternative for delivery.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the April 26, 2012 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

The District has received a call for funds in the amount of \$ 20,000.00 from the Friant Water Authority. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds in the amount of \$20,000.00.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority Board of Directors will be meeting on the 18th of May, 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 – 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