

**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 November 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 De Groot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio - <b>ABSENT</b>
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 De Groot and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the October 11, 2012 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director De Groot, second by Director R.L Westbrook 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 related activities including an update from General Manager Vink on the Friant Declaration, which remains at 57% Class I.

The Board had some brief discussions on recent Groundwater Summit meetings with landowners in the District and on-going discussions with the Angiola Water District over water

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management programs between Lower Tule River/ Pixley Irrigation Districts and Angiola Water District. The landowner group will be meeting again on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November.

No action was taken.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities. General Manager Vink provided an update and briefing of the Distribution System Expansion and grant funding associated with the Avenue 116 project.

Limas reported that fair market offers based on the appraisal prices were being prepared and will be sent to the landowners later in the month.

General Manager was authorized to proceed with purchase of real property described as APN # 295-050-002 at the October meeting and was provided parameters for purchase. Vink reported that a contract had been entered into with the landowner for a purchase price of \$374,600.00 which represents \$20,000 per acre. That price was within the authorized amount.

General Manager Vink reported that he plans to change the vacation accruals for exempt employees. The change would allocate 4 weeks per year to exempt staff not under contract (General Manger is the only one under contract) with the caveat that no vacation is accrued for carry-over or payment. The plan will go into place on January 2013. It becomes use it or lose it within the year at that point. Any unused vacation time remaining will be paid out in 2012. The Board concurred with General Manager Vink's plan.

### Administrative Matters

General Manager Vink reported that he had met with Fish and Wildlife staff to discuss the possible sale of District property to the Service for habitat use. The property in question is not currently being used by the District. At this point, the discussions are in their preliminary stages.

The Board then reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of September. On motion by Director Schott second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file. Included in the Financials were recommended Budget amendments for the Ave 116 project and 2012 water costs.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the October bills. On motion by Schott second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the October bills.

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**CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities including the 2012 deliveries, which were completed on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the October 25, 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 DCTRA Board will be meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

**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

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