

**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 11th day of October 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 - ABSENT
Director Div.5	Frank Junio
Director Div. 1	Raymond Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott - ABSENT

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 R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the September 6th Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Junio, 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. No action was taken.

General Manager Vink reported that the District has received notice from the Bureau of Reclamation that the District's updated Water Management Plan has been approved and will be noticed in the Federal Register. The Water Management Plan is a requirement of the District's CVP contract.

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.

The Board then turned its attention to a detailed review of the appraisals as prepared by Mike Toomey of H.R Macklin. The appraisal rates vary depending on the type of crop with the open ground set at \$12,500.00 an acre. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director Junio, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board accepted the appraisals and directed staff to make fair market offers based on the appraisal prices.

The Board then reviewed the turnout cost associated with the Avenue 116 project. Considering the benefit to the entire District, as well as specific benefit to the area, District staff prepared a recommended turnout cost for the Avenue 116 project. This would be a rate that all landowners connecting to the Avenue 116 project would pay for water service. After considerable discussion, considering the data presented, on motion by Director R.L Westbrook, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved, the Board set the turnout rate for the Avenue 116 project at \$7,300.00 per turnout.

The Board then reviewed the need for real property purchase. President Atsma convened the meeting to Executive Session according to Government Code Section 54957. Upon coming out of Executive Session it was reported that on motion by R.L Westbrook, second by Director Junio the Board authorized the General Manager to proceed with purchase of real property described as APN # 295-050-002 and provided parameters to Vink for those negotiations.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the 2013 District and O & M Budgets as prepared by staff. Considerable time was spent reviewing the 2013 Budgets, and on motion by Director Junio, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the 2013 Budgets and ordered them placed on file.

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The Board then reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of September. On motion by Director R.L Westbrook, second by Director Junio 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 September bills. On motion by Director R.L Westbrook second my Director Junio and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the September bills.

General Manager Vink also reviewed with the Board a recap of the recent meeting with the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District to review the status of the Groundwater Banking Program. No action was taken.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities including the 2012 deliveries, which are projected to be completed on or around the end of October.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the September 27, 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 also received a call for funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Friant. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the September 21, 2012 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:

Nothing new to report.

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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