

**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 April 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California.

The meeting was called to order by President Junio. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3	Randy Parreira
Director Div.2	Bill De Groot
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 Schott second by Director R. L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the March 7, 2013 Regular and April 1, 2013 Adjourned Regular meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the March 7th and April 1st minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

The Board reviewed the current water supply declaration. The current declaration for the Friant Division is at 55% Class One. General Manager Vink speculated that this number would probably decrease with the lack of precipitation this spring. It is unlikely that the District will receive any water with the critically low allocation from the Friant Division.

The Board briefly discussed a few other water issues including the upcoming Groundwater Summit meeting. That meeting is scheduled to be held in May of 2013.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including an extensive update on the Avenue 116 expansion project. General Manager Vink updated the Board on discussions relative to the grant funding and the 2014 appropriations. The project had received a \$1.5 million dollar grant from the Bureau of Reclamation, which included appropriations from the fiscal year 2012, 13 & 14 federal budgets. The 2014 appropriations have recently been released and it appears the money should be available for the project despite recent budget cuts and the “sequestration” at the federal level.

The Board then reviewed a cash flow projection for the project along with an update on the right-of-way acquisition. Business Manager Limas presented for review an update on the status of acquisition for all of the properties. All the properties that are able to be acquired are in escrow with the exception of the multiple properties owned by Merritt Farms. There are two additional properties that are owned by DeJong and Castro that are waiting resolution of an easement issue with Tulare County.

The Board then reviewed the bids that were submitted for the concrete and pipe for the Avenue 116 project. After considerable review and discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board awarded South Valley Materials the contract for the concrete on the project subject to further negotiations on minor details, with staff and consultants.

After considerable review and discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board awarded Piranha Pipe Precast the pipe

contract on the project subject to further negotiations on minor details, with staff and consultants.

Both South Valley and Piranha were the only bidders on the respective materials.

Miscellaneous Matters

The Board reviewed other miscellaneous matters related to District operations including a report on the DEID banking project. General Manager Vink reported that the District is planning to apply for approximately \$5M in funding under the Bureaus Part III money related to the San Joaquin River Restoration program. It was reported that the application would cost the project approximately \$25,000.00 of which Pixley is a 50% cost-share.

The Board then reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of March 2013. On motion by Director R.L Westbrook 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 March bills. On motion by Schott second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the March bills.

CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed several Cross Valley activities including recent meetings held with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources relative to contract renewal. General Manager Vink reported that those sessions went well and the District is working to have at least the conveyance portion of the contract negotiated and in place for the 2014 water year.

There is also some preliminary indication that some water may be moved under the Cross Valley contracts this summer. The allocation for the Cross Valley water has been decreased to 25%.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the March 28, 2013 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 from the Friant Water Authority in the amount of \$20,000.00. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director R.L Westbrook 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 Board reviewed the March 15, 2013 minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority Board. 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

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