

**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 18th day of December 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	Neal Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

Staff present:

Daniel G. Vink, General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager
Eric Limas, Business Manager

Guest Present:

Alex Peltzer, District Counsel (9:15am)

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

President Junio welcomed new Board member Neal Westbrook who is taking the place of retired Director R.L Westbrook.

On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Board then considered reorganization and appointments for the 2014. After some discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved the Board retained the current slate of officers and appointments.

The Minutes of the October 10, 2013 Regular, and October 30, 2013 Adjourned Regular meetings were distributed for review prior to the October meetings. On motion by Director Schott second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the

October 10th Regular and October 30th Adjourned Meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

General Manager Vink reviewed with the Board a variety of water resource related activities including the Friant Declaration, which has not changed given the very dry conditions for 2013. At present, the 2013 calendar year is likely going to be recorded as one of the driest years on record. There is also no forecast for rain or snow on the immediate horizon.

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including an update on the meeting with the Groundwater Task Force. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the next steps relative what direction the Task Force might take. It was reported by Vink that all the meters have been installed on the respective wells per the planned usage test.

General Manager Vink presented for discussion a proposal from the Pixley Utility District to place a well on the Pixley Irrigation District's shop site. Those discussions are very preliminary in nature and General Manager Vink indicated that he would be pursuing a Water Management program with the PUD that would have PUD paying the irrigation district for groundwater recharge in at least partial exchange for the use of the well site. The Board concurred and directed Vink to proceed accordingly.

At approximately 9:15 a.m., District Counsel Alex Peltzer entered the meeting. President Junio called the meeting into Executive Session to discuss with Counsel threatening or pending litigation. Upon coming out of Executive Session, President Junio reported there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed an extensive briefing on the Avenue 116 project. Considerable work is now on the way on Avenue 116 project, including right-of-way clearance and road –crossings.

Operations Manager Battles reported that the majority of the road crossings are now complete, with crews currently working on road structures and field crossings.

The Board then considered a 2014 cost of living increase of 1.5% for all employees. On motion by Director De Groot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board authorized a 1.5% cost of living raise for 2014.

South Valley Banking Program

General Manager Vink then briefed the Board on the South Valley Banking Authority. The South Valley Banking Authority was formed at the October 30, 2013 Adjourned meeting, and will be holding its first meeting sometime in January 2014.

General Manger Vink also reported that the share subscription is now complete with preliminary indication of full subscription for the banking project. The final numbers will be known in January. It was also reported that a meeting was held with the NEPA and CEQA team to begin the work on that process as well.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative matters including the bids for the 2013 audit. Business Manager Limas explained that the District would need to change auditors for 2013 to comply with the Bureau of Reclamations audit requirements for the Avenue 116 project. As such, the District has received a proposal from ADAIR, EVANS & WHITE to do the District's 2013 regular audit and supplementary audit for the Bureau project, for a total of \$10, 0100.00. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board authorized the engagement letter with ADAIR, EVANS & WHITE for the 2013 audit.

The Board reviewed the Investment Policy for 2014. There were no proposed changes to the Investment Policy and as such, on motion by Director De Groot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board adopted the Investment Policy for 2014.

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

The Board then considered Resolution 2013-12-1, setting a collectors deed on APN# 313-100-015. On motion by Director De Groot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously

approved the Board adopted Resolution 2013-12-1. A copy of Resolution 2013-12-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

General Manager Vink briefed the Board on the office update project and the bids received. All the costs are within the proposed and approved budget amounts. Work for that project is anticipated to begin in January 2014 and will include interior/exterior paint, carpet and some technology and furniture upgrades and replacement.

CROSS-VALLEY

General Manager Vink presented for consideration the 2014/14 Interim Renewal Contracts and related environmental documentation. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director De Groot and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2013-12-2, approving the form of the Cross Valley Interim Renewal Contract 14-06-200-8238A-IR15 and Resolution 2013-12-3, approving the filing the Notice of Exemption related to the CEQA process. A copy of Resolution 2013-12-2, approving the form of the Cross Valley Contract is attached as **EXHIBIT "B"** and Resolution 2013-12-3, approving the filing of the Notice of Exemption related to the CEQA process is attached as **EXHIBIT "C"**.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the December 13, 2013 meeting 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 from the Friant Water Authority in the amount of \$15,476.00, which is the first call for funds for the fiscal year 2014. On motion by Director De Groot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board authorized payment to the Friant Water Authority for the call for funds for \$15,476.00.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the November 15, 2013 meeting 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.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

1. ACWA / JPIA – Nothing new to report
2. California Farm Water Coalition – The District has received a dues request for support from the Farm Water Coalition for \$ 10,125.00. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board authorized payment to the Farm Water Coalition for the 2014 dues for \$10,125.00.

The Board then considered Resolution 2013-12-4, honoring retiring Director Raymond Westbrook. On motion by Director De Groot, second by Director Neal Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2013-12-4, honoring retiree Raymond Westbrook for his years of service. A copy is attached as **EXHIBIT “D”**

There being no further business be brought to the Board’s attention and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Vink
General Manager



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APPROVED