

**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 7th day of February 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	<b>Vacant</b>
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 DeGroot second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the January 10, 2013 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board then considered the vacant position on the Board as a result of the retirement of long time Director Thewis Atsma. After some discussion and review of the eligible landowners in the division, it was the consensus of the Board to have President Junio talk to landowner Randy Parreira to gage his interest in serving on the Board of Directors.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

### Water Supply

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including an update on the current declaration and water supply. The declaration from the Friant division has not yet been made official, although they are projecting between 60-70% Class I on an initial allocation. There is some potential that the allocation can go higher although precipitation has been marginal for the year.

Water availability for Pixley for the summer of 2013 will depend a lot of whether or not the Friant declaration gets to 100% Class I.

The Board then spent a few minutes preparing for the upcoming joint meeting with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District to discuss a variety of threatening or pending litigation. No action was taken.

General Manager Vink also reported that the Groundwater Task Force made up of landowners in the District will be meeting for a review of the data. That meeting is scheduled to be held at the District office on February 27, 2013 at 10:00am.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Operations & Maintenance

The Board received an extensive briefing on the Distribution System Expansion for the Avenue 116 project, including various items related to legal and contractual work, the right-of-way acquisition and construction. The construction work is still in the design phase and will probably be there for the next period of time.

The Board then turned its attention to setting the March meeting date as the time for determining the eminent domain proceeding and filing a Resolution of Necessity. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board set the March meeting date as the date for determining a Resolution of Necessity.

Business Manager Limas reviewed with the Board the Right-of-Way needed for the project and the status of each related property.

### Administrative Matters

Operations Manager Battles then reviewed with the Board the need for several new fleet trucks and recommended authorization for purchase. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchase of three new

vehicles from Will Tiesiera Ford in the amount of \$56,463.33, along with the purchase of one new service truck in the amount of \$32,301.67.

The District has also received an audit engagement letter from Auditor Paul Klippenstein to prepare the Districts audit for 2012 in the amount of \$ 7,050.00. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director DeGroot and R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the audit engagement letter.

The Board then reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of January 2013. Included in the Financial Statements was a review of new signature cards needed for District accounts with the change in administration. On motion by Director Schott second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and authorized execution of the new signature cards and ordered them placed on file.

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

### **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

General Manager Vink reviewed several Cross Valley canal related activities. No action was taken.

### **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the January 31, 2013 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

The Board also considered District representation on the Friant Water Authority Board After considerable discussion, President Junio appointed Director Bill DeGroot to serve as the representative on the Friant Water Authority Board.

### **MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:**

#### **Deer Creek & Tule River Authority**

The Board reviewed the January 18, 2013 minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

The Board also considered District representation on the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority Board. After considerable discussion, President Junio appointed Director Russell Schott to serve as the Districts new representative on the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority Board.

**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