

**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 2nd day of July 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District office. The meeting was held in Delano in order to coincide with joint meeting planned with the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District Board of Directors.

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

Guest present: Board of Directors, Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District

Dennis Mills, Consulting Engineer
Dick Moss, Consulting Engineer
Herb Simmons, Consulting Engineer

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 June 6, 2013 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the June 6, 2013 Regular minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

The Board reviewed a variety of water resource related activities including the declaration from the Friant Division, which had been raised to 55% Class I. It is anticipated that the Declaration will increase to 60-62% before the District begins its water run.

The District water run will begin on July 29 and will last approximately 10-14 days. The District has 5,000 acre-feet of water available to it. The Board set the water rate at \$125.00 an acre-foot at the June meeting.

General Manger Vink updated the Board on a variety of other water related activities including upcoming meetings with the Orange County Water District and the Chino Basin Watermaster. General Manager Vink, District Counsel Peltzer and Consulting Engineer DeGroot will meet with those agencies to review groundwater conditions and groundwater management plans for those areas.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed the proposed detachment and annexation of lands within the District. After considerable review, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2013-7-1, accepting a categorical exemption under CEQA for the detachment and the annexation of the lands. It was reported that the detachment and annexation should be completed in time for the 2014 assessment rolls to be published. A copy of Resolution 2013-7-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

The Board then received an extensive briefing on the Avenue 116 project including an update from Operations Manager Battles and Business Manager Limas on grant funding, project cash flow, project planning, legal right-of- way and construction related activities.

Business Manager Limas reported that the majority of the properties are now in escrow. It is anticipated that all the properties should clear escrow sometime before October 2013.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities including a report from General Manager Vink on the potential sale of property to the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Fish and Wildlife Service has received a grant for purchase of properties owned by the District. More information will be forthcoming at a subsequent meeting.

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

CROSS VALLEY

General Manager Vink gave the Board an update on Cross Valley activities and reported that the Cross Valley water should begin being delivered in July or August.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the June 27th, 2013 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

Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding its meeting on 19th of July.

U.S.DEPT OF INTERIOR/BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:

Nothing new to report.

MEETINGS, HEARINGS, NOTICES:

At approximately 12:00pm, the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District Board of Directors, along with Consulting Engineers Dennis Mills, Dick Moss and Herb Simmons joined the meeting to review the proposed banking project between Delano and Pixley. The Board spent considerable time reviewing the technical details including the revision of the project to include an in lieu banking area.

The Board also received an update on the landowner meeting that was held on July 10th.



APPROVED

There is still a lot of work to be done on the project; however, it is progressing well and a financial prospectus and a governance document is expected to be ready in August for review by the Boards. The current plan calls for the development of the partnerships for the balance of the 2013, along with the preparation of the NEPA and CEQA documents in order to begin construction sometime in late 2014 or early 2015.

The contract for SJRRP Part III funding is expected to be ready for review in August.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

1. ACWA / JPIA – Nothing new to report
2. 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