

**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 March 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

Guest Present:

Randy Parreira, Landowner  
Jim Koontz, District Counsel

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director R. L Westbrook second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the seat vacated by retiring Director Thewis Atsma. Mr. Atsma's resignation was accepted at the January 10<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting. After considerable discussion at the previous meetings, including a review of the eligible landowners, on motion by Director

DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board appointed Randy Parreira to fill the vacancy of Division 3.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

### Water Supply

General Manager Vink reviewed a variety of water related activities. The declaration for the Friant Division is at 65% Class I and the Cross Valley is at 25% of total contract supply. General Manager Vink reported that, in all likelihood, both those declarations would be reduced given the unusual January / February conditions that have been almost one of the driest on record. It was reported that absent in significant precipitation, it is likely that Pixley Irrigation District will not have any water available from the Friant Division for delivery this year.

The Board reviewed other water related activities including a report on the recently held meetings with the Groundwater Task Force. The Task Force will meet again in May to review solutions and possibilities for better groundwater management in the region.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including an extensive update on the distribution system expansion. General Manager Vink reviewed with the Board project planning legal, contract, right-of-way and construction related issues.

Operations Manager Battles reported that the pipe and concrete contracts would be noticed for bid with bid openings scheduled for sometime in April.

The Board then opened up the hearing on the Resolution of Necessity. No landowners were present to present their concerns and no objections to the need and location were recorded. After considerable discussion with District Counsel KOONTZ describing the process for eminent domain, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director R. L Westbrook with Director Schott abstaining for conflict purposes, the Board adopted Resolution 2013-3-1. A copy of Resolution 2013-3-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

General Manager Vink then reviewed several other operation and maintenance matters with the Board. No action was taken.

### Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the status of the DEID banking project. General Manager Vink reported that a joint Board meeting will be held with Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District some time in April or May.

The Board then reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of February 2013. On motion by Director DeGroot second by Director Schott 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 February 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 February bills.

### **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

General Manager Vink reported that the District is in the process of negotiating its Cross Valley contract, including the distribution agreement with the State of California. A negotiating session to try to complete the wheeling agreement is scheduled for the first part of April. The goal of the parties is to try and get the long-term contract in place for 2014.

### **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the February 28, 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

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be having its meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March at the District offices.

### **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



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There being no further business to be brought to the Board’s attention the meeting was adjourned to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, at which time the Board will reconvene to review potential actions related to the Angiola Water District litigation.

**MINUTES OF A ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District met in a Adjourned meeting on the 1st day of April 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California.

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

Director Div.3	Randy Parreira
Director Div.2	Bill De Groot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio - <b>ABSENT</b>
Director Div. 1	Raymond Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager  
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager  
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

Guests Present: ALEX PELTZER – District Counsel  
DAVID DE GROOT – Consulting Engineer  
LOWER TULE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director De Groot, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented. The single item listed on the agenda was a conference with legal counsel.

General Manager VINK and District Counsel PELTZER then presented in open session an agreement recently negotiated and completed with the Angiola Water District that would

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provide terms and conditions upon which Angiola would operate their well field both inside and outside of the Pixley Irrigation District. After considerable discussion, and reviewing the fact that the Districts have been in negotiations with the Angiola Water District for approximately four years in its attempt to get an agreement, the Board's reviewed the agreement and determined that it was consistent with the three goals laid out by the Boards of Directors at the outset of the process.

The three goals were:

1. A limitation on where the groundwater pumped by Angiola could be used.
2. A limit of amount of groundwater that could be pumped by Angiola on an annual and/or rolling average basis.
3. A mitigation fee paid by Angiola for the groundwater pumped by the well field lands.

After considerable review on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2013-4-1 authorizing execution of the agreement with Angiola Water District. A copy of Resolution 2013-4-1, authorizing execution of agreement, and the agreement, is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

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