

**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 May 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

Guest Present:

Paul Klippenstein, District Auditor

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Minutes of the April 11, 2013 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the April 11th 2013 minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The District has received a notice from Tulare County allowing for the to consolidation of the District's fall elections with Tulare County's general election. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2013-5-1, setting the Districts general election in parallel with Tulare County's general election. A copy of Resolution 2013-5-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

General Manager Vink reported that staff has been working on preparing a map that would prescribe for some detachment of lands currently within the District. The properties are small lots and acreages not served by District water and are primarily residential properties. The Board concurred with General Manager Vink's recommendation and directed that District staff begin working with FOUR CREEK ENGINEERING to complete the detachment process. The process will now to go LAFCO for review.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

### Water Supply

The Board reviewed the current water supply declaration. The current declaration for the Friant Division is at 55% Class One, although there is speculation that the declaration will be reduced by as much as 10% before the end of the month. General Manager Vink reported that this year is the driest year since 1977 and the impacts to the District are widespread.

The Board reviewed a variety of other water related activities including groundwater and groundwater pumping within the District boundaries.

The District has received its first quarterly report from the Angiola Water District reporting that just over 8,000 acre-feet was pumped by Angiola under the recently executed agreement.

General Manager Vink reported that the Groundwater Task Force will be meeting later in the month to review, among other things, a process by which the lands in and around the District could begin a regulation and self-monitoring process.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including an extensive briefing on the Avenue 116 project. Included in the briefing were reports on the status of the NEPA documentation, County right-of-way issues and design and construction.

Business Manager Limas reported that all the required properties are now in escrow and have closed or will be closing soon. The District staff is working through one final issue on right-of-way for the DeJong and Castro properties involving the County of Tulare.

Operations Manager Battles reviewed a few other maintenance related activities including some rehabilitation of structures in the Townsend ditch.

At approximately 9:30 a.m, Auditor PAUL KLIPPENSTEIN entered the meeting to review with the Board the 2012 audited financials. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board accepted the 2012 audited financial statements as presented by Auditor PAUL KLIPPENSTIEN and ordered them on file.

General Manager Vink then present Resolution 2013-5-2, authorizing execution of a grant application under the Part III, Title X, Public Law 111-11 funding related to the San Joaquin River Restoration program. The District is preparing a joint application with the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District for \$5 million related to the joint groundwater banking project.

On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board authorized preparation of the grant and execution of the grant application. A copy of Resolution 2013-5-2 is attached as **EXHIBIT "B"**.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of April 2013. On motion by Director Schott second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file. Included in the action of the Financial Statements was the recognition that the District has made its final payment under the agreement with Stone Corral Irrigation District for the 9d contract financing. That final payment was made several months in advance at the request of Stone Corral in order to alleviate them from Reclamation law issues.

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

### **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

General Manager Vink reported that the Districts Cross Valley water may be pumped and delivered this summer on a July / August timeframe. That water would be delivered to Del Puerto under prior agreement.

**FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the April 26, 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 Board will be meet at their regular meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2013.

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

Nothing new to report.

**MEETINGS, HEARINGS, NOTICES:**

Nothing new to report

**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