

**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 5th day of September 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

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The Minutes of the August 15, 2013 Regular meeting were distributed for review, prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director R.L Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the August 15, 2013 Regular 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 completion of the District's summer water run. The District was able to

run approximately 10-days worth of water through a purchase agreement from the City of Fresno.

General Manager Vink reviewed several other water related activities including the Groundwater Task Force Committee meeting held on August 27, 2013. The Task Force Committee has requested the District do a well metering test on various parcels throughout the District to determine groundwater and total usage by crop. General Manager Vink is working with staff and landowners to put together a proposal and a cost estimate to be brought to the Board at the October meeting.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including an extensive briefing on the Avenue 116 project. The project is currently waiting an environmental review and completion of the Environmental Assessment and FONSI from the Bureau of Reclamation. It is anticipated that work will be done by the end of the month with construction activities beginning in October.

Business Manager Limas updated the Board on the status of the land acquisition for the project. Most of the transactions are complete with a few waiting the close of escrow and sorting through issues with banking intuitions, etc. The District anticipates no problems in the right-of-way acquisitions.

General Manager Vink then briefed the Board on the banking program with Delano-Earlimant. The banking program is transitioning from an exploratory phase into a development phase where the project proponents, Pixley Irrigation District and Delano-Earlimant Irrigation District, are developing a Joint Powers agreement and the governance of the project. District staff is also working on the framing of the CEQA/NEPA work. A Joint Power Agreement should be ready for review in October.

General Manager Vink distributed for review a draft prospectus for the Board. That prospectus will be offered to Friant contractors and other contractors over the next several months.

At approximately 9:30 am, President Junio convened the meeting into a Board of Equalization hearing.

The Board met to consider the 2014 assessment rolls and the 2014 assessment rate. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director R.L Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board the Board adopted Resolution 2013-9-1, setting

the 2014 assessment rate and adopting the Equalization as prepared by the District assessor. One item of note was the decrease of the total assessment of approximately \$14,000.00 because of the detachment of lands. The Board of Equalization hearing then closed. A copy of Resolution 2013-9-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

Business Manager Limas then updated the Board on the status of the LAFCO detachment. LAFCO will be holding a hearing on October 9, 2013, at which time it will consider the adoption of the District's proposed boundary changes.

Administrative Matters

General Manager Vink updated the Board of several of District related activities including the sale of the land to the Fish and Wildlife service. No action was taken.

It was also reported that the District staff is in the process of developing the Budget for 2014, which will include among other things updates such as painting, carpet etc. to the District office.

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

CROSS-VALLEY

General Manager Vink updated the Board on the status of the Cross Valley contract renewal process, which is ongoing, albeit very slow.

General Manager Vink also reported approximately 3,000-acre feet of the Districts 6,220 - acre feet of 2013 Cross Valley supply has been delivered to date, with the balance anticipated to be delivered in September and early October.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the August 25, 2013 meeting 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 holding its meeting on September 20, 2013 at the District office in Tipton, Ca. Considerable amount of time at that meeting is expected to be spent discussing the Irrigated Lands program and the transition to the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority under a special project agreement.

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 – 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