

**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 11th day of December 2014, 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	Neal Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

***Staff present:***

Daniel G. Vink, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Operations Manager  
Eric Limas, Business Manager

***Guests present:***

Clifton Lawler, Sun World International

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Minutes of the November 6, 2014 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director De Groot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the November 6, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board considered reorganization of the current slate of officers and appointments. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director De Groot, seconded by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board took action to retain the current slate of officers and appointments.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

### Water Supply

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water related activities including statewide water projections. Water conditions appear more favorable than they were in 2014 although there are considerable deficits to be made up in statewide reservoirs and storage. In addition, the problems with Delta pumping and ESA restrictions continue to occur. General Manager VINK reported on a variety of meetings being held with State and Federal officials, both elected and appointed to try and improve those pumping conditions.

The Board discussed a number of other water related activities including an update of the Groundwater Steering Committee meetings. The Groundwater Steering Committee continues to meet to discuss the best way for the landowners in the District to interface with the new Groundwater Sustainability Act.

The Board received a brief update on the Water Management Program with the town of Pixley. No action was taken on either matter.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Operations and Maintenance activities including an update on the Avenue 116 project. The final structures of that project will be completed in December, with final work scheduled to be done in early 2016.

The Board spent considerable time discussing an expansion of the Avenue 116 project through the addition of pipelines to deliver water to properties that are not directly connected to the Avenue 116 project. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Westbrook, with Director Schott abstaining, for conflict of interest purposes, the Board authorized completion of additional CEQA work and expenditures for a grant application to add service area to the Avenue 116 project.

The Board considered the water rights application on Deer Creek and the requisite CEQA work that must accompany the water rights application currently on file with the State Board of Water Resources. After thorough review and discussion, including a briefing and recommendation from District Counsel PELTZER and General Manager Vink, on motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Westbrook, the Board determined the delivery under the application will use existing facilities to divert the water. This will result in no new construction, no new contracts or any new projects; therefore, making it exempt under CEQA. This was the finding of the Board, along with the direction to prepare notification accordingly.

The Board then considered the 2015 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all

employees. After some discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board authorized a 1.5% Cost of Living for 2015 for all District employees.

In addition, the Board concurred with General Manager Vink's recommendation to provide all of the Operations and Maintenance employees with a bonus in recognition of the incredibly hard work that was done to complete the Avenue 116 project within one calendar year.

The Board reviewed a number of other water supply and policy related activities with no action being taken.

#### Administrative Matters

The Board then reviewed the 2015 Investment Policy; there has been no change to the Investment Policy from the previous calendar year. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board adopted the Investment Policy for 2015.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of November 2014. On motion by Director De Groot, seconded by Director Parreira 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 November bills. On motion by Director Parreira, seconded by Director De Groot and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the November bills.

#### CROSS-VALLEY

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities including Interim Renewal and Long-term contract negotiations. General Manager VINK briefed the Board on a discussion held with Bureau of Reclamation's staff at the ACWA conference in San Diego. Unfortunately, there has not been much progress from the Bureau on the renewal of the contracts, even though the existing water supply and wheeling contracts have been updated and negotiated with both Reclamation and the State. The process is held up by the completion of the environmental work, and the allowance under the biological opinions, to complete negotiations and sign the contracts.

### **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Friant Water Authority Board of Directors will be meeting on December 12, 2014.

Some discussion was held on the facilitation process and the upcoming strategic planning meetings.

In addition, the District has received a call for funds for January 2015 in the amount of \$4,404.76

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY**

South Valley Water Banking Authority will hold their meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

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

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

The minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

### **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

There being no further business to be brought to the Board attention, the meeting was adjourned to December 16, 2014 at 12pm.

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

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District met in a Regular Adjourned meeting on the 16th day of December 2014, at 12:00 pm, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President Junio. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director Div.3	Randy Parreira
Director Div.2	Bill De Groot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio
Director Div. 1	Neal 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

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

President Junio reconvened the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board for a joint session to discuss a number of joint operations and maintenance related activities.

The Boards held a lengthy discussion on the recent Friant Water Authority meeting including the decision by the Friant Water Authority Board to form both an Executive Committee, NM Water Supply Committee and seek the services of a new Chief Executive, no action was taken by the Board on any of these matters. General discussion and direction by the Boards were given to Director DeGroot and General Manager Vink to take to the upcoming meeting of the Friant Water Authority Board held December 17, 2014.

There being no further business to be brought to the Board attention and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager