

**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 February 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 - ABSENT

Staff present:

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

Guest Present:

Alex Peltzer, District Counsel (9:30am)

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The Minutes of the January 9, 2014 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the January 9, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.



WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including an update on runoff conditions. 2014 has shaped up to be the driest year in recent history, with no foreseeable water supply available for the District.

General Manager Vink reported that drought conditions throughout the state are at severe levels. Under present conditions, there will not be an allocation for any Friant Contractors for the 2014 water year.

The Board discussed other water resource related activities including an upcoming Groundwater Task Force meeting and conversations with Pixley Public Utilities District on the use of District property for a PUD well. No action was taken on either matter.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including an extensive briefing on the Avenue 116 project. Operations Manager Battles reported that two crews are now working on structures, with plans to begin excavation of the canal later in the month. The Board penciled the next meeting to take a tour of the project, weather permitting.

Operations Manager Battles then reviewed with the Board the need to purchase light duty pickup trucks, a new low bed trailer and bottom dumps for the year 2014. After considerable discussion and review, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchase of new light duty pickup trucks, a new low bed trailer and bottom dumps under parameters discussed in the 2014 Budget.

At approximately 9:30am, the Board entered into a Closed Session with District Counsel PELTZER to discuss legal matters, including threatening or pending litigations in accordance with Government Code Section 54956. Upon coming out of Closed Session there was no actions were reported.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of January 2014. On motion by Director Parreira second by Director 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 January bills. On motion by Director Parreira second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the January bills.

CROSS-VALLEY

General Manager Vink reported that the Cross Valley Long-term Interim Renewal contract negotiations were continuing and there was a session scheduled for February 6, 2014 in Sacramento. Vink will attend, along with District Counsel Ken Richardson.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the January 30, 2014 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the Friant Water Authority meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

The South Valley Water Banking Authority had its initial meeting on January 21, 2014. It was reported Director De Groot was elected President on the South Valley Water Banking Authority Board. The next South Valley Water Banking Authority Board meeting, and project landowner meeting, will be held March 4, 2014.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the January 17, 2014 minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority meeting 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 – Nothing new to report

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Vink
General Manager



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