

**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 9th day of April 2015, 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 DeGroot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio
Director Div. 1	Neal Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

Others present:

Daniel G. Vink, General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager
Eric Limas, Business Manager
David DeGroot, 4Creeks Engineering

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The Minutes of the March 5, 2015 Regular meeting and April 7, 2015 Special 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 March 5, 2015 Regular meeting and April 7, 2015 Special meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

General Manager Vink reviewed with the Board a variety of water related activities

including an overview on statewide water supply conditions, which remain extremely bleak. It appears, by all accounts, there will be a zero allocation for the Friant Division again in 2015.

The Board discussed a few other water supply related activities including the Groundwater Steering Committee meetings being held with landowners, possible exchange programs with Sun World International and the water management program with the town of Pixley. No action was taken on any of these items.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including an update on the Avenue 116 project. A Public Hearing was opened, where Business Manager Limas and David DeGroot from 4Creeks Engineering presented for review the environmental documents associated with the expansion of the Avenue 116 project. On motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board adopted resolution 2015-4-1 finalizing the CEQA documents and filing a Notice of Determination. The Public Hearing was closed. A copy of Resolution 2015-4-1, finalizing the CEQA documents and filing a Notice of Determination for the Avenue 116 project, is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

A Public Hearing was opened, where Business Manager Limas and David DeGroot from 4Creeks Engineering presented for review the environmental documents associated with the Deer Creek Channel Clearing environmental activities and on motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board adopted resolution 2015-4-2 finalizing the CEQA documents and filing a Notice of Determination. The Public Hearing was closed. A copy of Resolution 2015-4-2, finalizing the CEQA documents and filing a Notice of Determination for the Deer Creek Channel Clearing, is attached as **EXHIBIT "B"**

General Manager Vink presented for consideration a purchase agreement with Fish and Wildlife Service for the sale of various lands owned by the Pixley Irrigation District. On motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the purchase agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Services and accepted the price structure as proposed.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of March 2015. On motion by Director Westbrook, seconded by Director DeGroot 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 March bills. On motion by Director De Groot, seconded by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the March bills.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the March 26, 2015 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the Friant Water Authority meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

The District has also received a call for funds from the Friant Water Authority for \$5,657.00, which is a monthly call for funds. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, seconded by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds for \$5,657.00.

Considerable time was spent discussing the on-going facilitation process, the recent changes to the by-laws and proposed changes to the Joint Powers Agreement. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board voted to withdraw membership from the Friant Water Authority.

CROSS-VALLEY

Nothing new to report.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

South Valley Water Banking Authority will be holding its meeting on April 21, 2015.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the March 20, 2015 minutes of the Deer Creek and 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, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Vink
General Manager