

**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 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 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

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Minutes of the January 13, 2015 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board considered the District election process and cycle. District elections are currently held on odd years. The District has received notice from the County of Tulare that it would be one of the few remaining Districts to have its elections on odd years, thereby incurring most if not all, the cost of having an election on an odd year. After some discussion, on motion by Director Schott, seconded by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board

adopted Resolution 2015-2-1, moving all the District elections for all Directors to even years beginning in 2015 which, is now deferred to 2016. A copy of Resolution 2015-2-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

### Water Supply

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including a briefing from General Manager VINK on statewide water supply conditions. Conditions continue to be very bleak with no projected weather events in the forecast. It is anticipated that the Friant Division will again receive initial allocation of zero percent, with a final announcement to be made later in the month.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a number of water related activities including a planned trip to Washington D.C. in the month of March to meet with Congressional and Administration offices to review various items including:

- Codifying 13i and recirculation priority for Friant Division Contractors,
- Passing drought legislation consistent with what was negotiated in 2014,
- Changes to the San Joaquin River Settlement, making it consistent with the intent of the settlement which includes allocating 200,000 acre feet to Friant Division Contractors before the restoration program receives its initial allocation

Included in the discussions was an overall concern about the viability of the restoration program. No action was taken.

The Board then reviewed the recent meetings of the Groundwater Steering Committee and the progress on the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency encompassing the District boundaries.

The Board spent some time discussing other water resource related activities, including; a proposed exchange agreement with SUN WORLD INTERNATIONAL, LLC., and a water management program with the town of Pixley. No action was taken.

The Board also had a discussion on Strategic direction related to water supply activities and legislative initiatives No action was taken.

The District has also received its payment from the Angiola Water District under the Cooperative agreement. In 2014, the Angiola Water District pumped 27,695 acre-feet.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Operations & Maintenance

The Board received a briefing from Operations Manager Battles and Business Manager Limas on the Avenue 116 project. The project is in its final stages of completion. No action was taken.

Operations Manager Battles and Business Manager Limas reviewed with the Board concerns related to security at the District facilities and the intention of installing cameras at both District facilities to prevent the ongoing theft. No action was taken.

General Manager Vink then briefed the Board on recent action by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), authorizing the detachment of the Angiola Water District well field from the Pixley Irrigation District. Angiola Water District had applied for the detachment which was unannounced to the District. District staff and Counsel appeared at the LAFCO hearing earlier in the week to protest the detachment. LAFCO voted on a 3-2 margin to authorize the the detachment of the Angiola lands from the Pixley Irrigation District.

### Administrative Matters

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

## **CROSS-VALLEY**

General Manager Vink reviewed the status of the Cross Valley Canal contract renewal negotiations. No action was taken.

## **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the January 29, 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.

Considerable time was spent discussing the facilitation process and the changes to both the by-laws and the Joint Powers Agreement along with the facilitation process which to date has cost close to \$100,000.00. The Board expressed significant concerns over that process and the direction the Authority has taken. The Board directed that General Manager VINK prepare alternatives to the Friant Water Authority for representation purposes, and to arrange a discussion on that matter with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board at a subsequent meeting.

The District has also received a call for funds from the Friant Water Authority for \$5,119.00, which is a monthly call for funds. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director De Groot, seconded by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds for \$5,119.00.

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

The Board reviewed the January 28, 2015 minutes of the South Valley Water Banking Authority. The minutes of the South Valley Water Banking Authority meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

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

##### Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the January 16, 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