

**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 13th day of January 2015, at 8:00 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. Included in the agenda was a joint session with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board at 9:00am.

The Minutes of the December 11, 2014 Regular and December 16, 2014 Adjourned Regular meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the December 11, 2014 Regular and December 16, 2014 Adjourned Regular Meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Supply

General Manager Vink reviewed a variety of water related activities including an update on statewide water conditions. The month of January has started out to be extremely dry,



following a slightly above normal for the months of November and December. Precipitation during the month of January is very important for statewide water conditions, including water deliveries to the Exchange Contractors, which would make Friant Water available in 2015.

The Board then spent some time discussing other water resource related activities, including; a proposed exchange agreement with SUN WORLD INTERNATIONAL, LLC., a water management program with the town of Pixley and a general discussion on groundwater conditions and a update on the Groundwater Steering Committee activities.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations & Maintenance

The Board received a briefing on the Avenue 116 project. The main construction on the Avenue 116 project is complete, with peripheral work on liners and automatics being done and is expected to be complete by March 2015.

Administrative Matters

The District received a proposal to prepare the 2014 audit for \$10,600.00 from ADAIR, EVANS & WHITE. On motion by Director Parreira, seconded by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board accepted the audit proposal and authorized execution.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of December 2014. 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 December bills. On motion by Director Westbrook, seconded by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December 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 December 17, 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.



The District has received a call for funds from the Friant Water Authority for the month of January 2015 for \$4,404.76. On motion by Director De Groot, seconded by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board authorized the call for funds in the amount of \$4,404.76, with an indication of seeing a resolution of the facilitation process being done soon, in order to make a determination on the functionality of the Friant Water Authority.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

South Valley Water Banking Authority will be holding its meeting on January 20, 2015 at the District office in Tipton, Ca.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding its meeting on January 16, 2015.

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

At approximately 9:00 am, the Pixley Irrigation District Board was joined by the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board to discuss a variety of matters. The discussion began with a general strategic direction discussion, with a review by General Manager Vink on key topics and objectives in 2015. After considerable review and discussion, including a briefing from District Counsel ALEX PELTZER. The Board agreed with the strategic direction as outlined by General Manager Vink and directed that those initiatives be acted upon.

The Board then held an extensive discussion with the Lower Tule Board on the future of the Friant Water Authority, the on-going facilitation process, and recent decisions by the Friant Board to form an Executive Committee and hire a new Executive Director. The Board will monitor the actions of the Friant Water Authority over the next thirty days and make a determination sometime later, as to the viability of the Friant Water Authority and the wisdom of staying a member of the Authority or not.

The Board then took up the matter of the General Manager's Contract and performance review. That session was lead by District Counsel ALEX PELTZER and included a review of an

updated employment contract with General Manager Vink. General Manager Vink excused himself from the room for some time, to allow the Board to discuss the matter in Closed Session.

General Manager Vink then rejoined the meeting to discuss the matter in more detail and to answer several questions related to the contract. It was the anonymous consensus of the Board to authorize execution of the contract at a subsequent meeting, following clean up of the contract by District Counsel PELTZER.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Vink
General Manager