

**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 March 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 - ABSENT
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

Staff present:

Daniel G. Vink, General Manager (left at 9:15)
Mike Battles, Operations Manager
Eric Limas, Business Manager

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The Minutes of the February 5, 2015 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the February 5, 2015 Regular 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. The statewide snowpack is at 10% of average to date. 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. Business Manager Limas presented for review the environmental documentation associated with the expansion of the Avenue 116 project. On motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board set the Public Hearing date for the Avenue 116 CEQA process for the same date as the regular Board meeting in April 2015.

The Board then reviewed the Deer Creek Channel Clearing environmental activities and on motion by Director Parreira, seconded by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board set the Public Hearing date for the Deer Creek Channel Clearing CEQA Process for the same date as the regular Board meeting in April 2015.

The Board then reviewed the finalized contract for management services with General Manager Vink. After some brief discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of that agreement.

General Manager Vink presented for consideration a contract 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 preparation of a 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 February 2015. On motion by Director Parreira, 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 February 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 February bills.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the February 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 \$5,119.00, which is a monthly call for funds. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director Schott, seconded by Director Parreira and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds for \$5,119.00.

Considerable time was spent discussing the on-going facilitation process, the recent changes to the by-laws and purposed changes to the Joint Powers Agreement. After considering a discussion on the changes to the Joint Powers agreement, on motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board voted against changing the by-laws at 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

Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding its meeting on March 20, 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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Vink
General Manager