

**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 10th day of September 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

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The Minutes of the July 9, 2015 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the July 9, 2015 Regular meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

General Manager Vink passed out the annual strategic plan for review. The plan will be reviewed in more detail at the October meeting.

Business Manager Limas reviewed an agreement to retain Spaletta Law as special counsel. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, Second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement.

Limas reviewed a draft property access agreement with Dragados Flatiron Joint Venture, subcontractors on the High Speed Rail project. Dragados is requesting access to District

facilities that will be impacted by the train route to inspect and do borings for soil analysis. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the property access agreement.

Limas reviewed a draft reimbursement agreement with the Tipton Community Services District. When the District office was built, Lower Tule and Pixley paid for an extension of the TCSD system in order to receive water service. It was agreed at the time that if any other property owners tapped into the extended line, the TCSD would reimburse the Irrigation Districts for some of the costs. The agreement was never formally executed and we are now working with TCSD to get it executed. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement.

WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including the current conditions, Cross Valley contract negotiations and federal and state legislative issues. No action was taken.

General Manager Vink reviewed other water related issues including, comments submitted related to the Angiola Water District Land Retirement CEQA report and meetings with the Groundwater Steering Committee. Vink also reviewed an initial outline of what the groundwater sustainability plan might look like. No action was taken.

Business Manager Limas reviewed a draft MOU to develop and implement a Tule Basin groundwater sustainability plan coordination agreement. After discussion, on motion by Director Schott, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the MOU.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager Vink reviewed activities, work plans and future activities, regarding District representation on water and policy issues in Sacramento, Washington DC and locally as needed. The SVWA Advisory Committee meeting and activity report was distributed for review prior to the Board meeting. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Operations Manager Battles reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities, reporting that District crews continue to be busy with canal spraying, turnout rehab,

structure rehab and canal liner rehab and upcoming plans to clean out several spots in the Tule River. Battles also updated the Board on the camera projects, reporting that the office cameras are now installed with all locations now online. No action was taken.

Business Manager Limas and Operations Manager Battles reviewed the Ave 116 Expansion project, which includes a new alignment from the previous project alignment. This includes having to update the CEQA document on the project prior to construction. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira, the Board approved proceeding with the new alignment and update of the CEQA document.

Administrative Matters

At approximately 11:00 am, the Board convened as a Board of Equalization hearing to consider the 2016 assessment rolls. Business Manager LIMAS presented the assessment rolls as prepared by District Assessor Beth Grote-Lewis. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, seconded by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2015-9-1, setting the District assessment rate at 0.07% to be levied on lands within the District boundaries. A copy of Resolution 2015-9-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

Business Manager Limas reviewed the 2016 District scholarship application. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board approved changing the scholarship to a four year, \$10,000 scholarship (\$2,500 per year), per student, provided the student continues to meet the requirements of the scholarship.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of August 2015, as well as the 2015 water budget. On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file and adjusted the 2015 water budget. The adjusted 2015 budget is attached as **EXHIBIT "B"**.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August bills. On motion by Director DeGroot, seconded by Director Parreira, and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August bills.



SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

The next meeting of the South Valley Water Banking Authority meeting is scheduled for late October.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority meeting will be held on Friday, September 18, 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

1. ACWA / JPIA – Nothing new to report
2. California Farm Water Coalition – Nothing new to report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Vink
General Manager