

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District convened the regular meeting of April 12, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Board 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

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager
Dan Vink, Senior Policy Advisor

Guests Present:

Zach Foster – Sunworld
Alex Peltzer – General Counsel (telephone)

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the March 8, 2018 regular 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 minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

General Manager Limas gave an overview of Millerton and Success reservoir conditions. Millerton is currently in Uncontrolled Season allocated in a block to Class2

contractors. Currently Pixley has no access to this water, but we are looking for opportunities to buy water from Districts who might not be able to move all of their allocations. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the board approved an April and May water rate of \$85 in the event that a water supply develops.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement. The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Draft Chapter 6 – District groundwater recharge credits, was reviewed by the Board. The Board also reviewed a Draft MOU between Lower Tule GSA, Pixley GSA and The Nature Conservancy to develop a pilot conservation project. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board approved entering into the MOU.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

The minutes and Board packet of the South Valley Water Association meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. Vink reviewed SVWA activities and the Board discussed Temperance Flat MOU group activities. No action was taken.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

Manager Limas gave an update of this project. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager Battles reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, grading, spraying, new turnout installations, discing pits and the Riparian pipeline project. Limas and Vink reviewed the potential site plan and layout of the water resources center. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board went into closed session to talk about real property negotiations, existing and

threatened litigation. Upon reconvening to open session, it was announced that during closed session of a previous meeting the Board authorized execution by the Board president and General Manager of a property purchase and materials purchase agreement. Those agreements have been executed and escrow has been opened on the property purchase.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of March 2018. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the March Financials 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 Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the March bills.

Limas reviewed a quote from 4Creeks Engineering for the surveying and design work for a recharge basin totaling \$30,000. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board accepted and approved the quote.

The regular May Board meeting falls during the ACWA conference. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira, and unanimously approved, the May Board meeting was rescheduled to May 17 at 9:00 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Association meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager