



**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 a regular meeting on December 13, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Director DEGROOT and turned over to Vice-President SCHOTT at approximately 9:15. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3	Randy Parreira
Director Div.2	Bill DeGroot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio- <b>ABSENT</b>
Director Div. 1	Neal Westbrook
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott (9:15)

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Operations Manager  
Dan Vink, Senior Policy Advisor (via telephone)

***Guests Present:***

Allan Becker, Sunworld  
Megan Chacoine, Farmland Management  
Geoff VandenHuevel, Milk Producers Council  
Alex Peltzer,, General Counsel  
Matt Klinchuch, consultant, Provost & Pritchard Engineering

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

The Board reviewed the current officer and committee appointment list. On motion by Director PARRIERA, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Board re-elected the same slate of officers for the Board and retained the current slate of committee appointments for 2019.

The minutes of the November 8, 2018 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA and

unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant Class 1 allocation is 88% Class 1. CVC exchange deliveries were completed in early-November. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal Water Quality policy, subsidence/capacity correction and Temperance Flat studies. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. LIMAS reviewed discussions and issues that have been taken up by the GPC. LIMAS reviewed GPC open positions. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board appointed SETH MERRITT to complete the term of MIKE DOLLINGER, who is resigning, and appointed DANIEL DEGRAAF to a 4-year term. The Board reviewed dates scheduled for January for landowner meetings.

The Board reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement, basin groundwater flow model and discussions related to subsidence. The Board then reviewed a proposal from Thomas Harder & Co to perform an analysis of the cause of subsidence at and near the Friant Kern Canal on behalf of the Tule Subbasin. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal.

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

SVWA Executive Director VINK reviewed the South Valley Water Association executive director memo and notes, including updates on a potential extension of the WIIN Act and ongoing activity and discussions related to Voluntary Settlement Agreements and State Water Resources Control Board on the Lower San Joaquin River. No Action was taken.

LIMAS also reviewed the 2019 SVWA workplan and draft Budget. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 2019 workplan and Budget.

### **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, facility safety inspections, the need to update lighting at the Pixley shop, grading, canal maintenance and the Riparian pipeline project activities. BATTLES also reviewed potential equipment purchases per the budget and equipment replacement plan. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Board accepted bids of approximately \$74,000 for purchase of a tractor and \$125,000 for the purchase of a Dump truck.

MATT KLINCHUCH, of Provost & Pritchard Engineering, provided a presentation on the feasibility study to expand the distribution system in the northwest area of the District. The Board reviewed options, including potential construction of the project in phases. Staff was directed to solicit a proposal from Provost & Pritchard to do a CEQA document on Phase 1 of the project, which would be to construct an extension of the Westmain canal and a lateral #4 along the Avenue 116 alignment.

At approximately 11:15 a.m. the Board went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER. Upon reconvening the meeting in open session, at approximately 11:30 am, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

### Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed Resolution 2018-12-1, terminating the property owner's right of redemption on parcel 313-120-003. On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2018-12-1.

LIMAS reviewed a proposed agreement with Vandalia Water District for Lower Tule and Pixley to provide Management, Administration and Operation services to VWD. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA, the Board approved execution of the agreement, subject to final review by the General Manager and attorney Jennifer Spaletta.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of November 2018. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the November Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the District Investment Policy. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board re-adopted the District Investment Policy.

LIMAS presented an engagement letter for Cattone & Mastro to perform the 2018 audit. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the engagement letter.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the November bills. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the November bills, including authorization of purchasing a \$3,000 gift card for the prior General Manager Dan Vink in recognition of his service to the District.

LIMAS presented a Consumer Price Index analysis for the Board's consideration of a Cost of Living Adjustment for employees for 2019. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved a COLA of 2.5% for 2019.

### **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

LIMAS presented a request for funding from the California Farm Water Coalition for 2019. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the request for funding.

#### **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.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

At approximately 12:15 p.m., the Board joined the Board of Directors of the South Valley Water Banking Authority in a joint closed session. Upon reconvening into open session at

approximately 1:45 p.m., it was reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas  
General Manager