

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

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District convened a meeting on December 12, 2019, at 10:00 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

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

Guests Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Pres Brittain, Pacific Resorces
Allan Becker, Homer

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

President JUNIO turned the meeting over to Manager LIMAS for the Board reorganization. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Director DEGROOT as the Vice – President, and the remaining slate of officers the same for 2020 as 2019. The meeting was turned back over to President JUNIO.

The Board reviewed the current list of committee appointments. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved no changes to the current slate of committee appointments for 2020.

The minutes of the November 14, 2019 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 minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant Class 1 allocation is 100%. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed the monthly delivery report, current water run, potential CVC exchanges and CVC water deliveries. 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.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

LIMAS presented the South Valley Water Association, revised Memorandum of Understanding and draft 2020 Budget. After discussion, Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the revised MOU and 2020 Budget.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, facility safety inspections, canal maintenance, Success Power Project operations, Tea Pot Dome, Vandalia WD and Pioneer Water Company operations and the Riparian pipeline project activities. With most of the delivery system shut down, Tule River channel clearing, winter canal dipping, turnout installations and repair of the DeCampos check has started. No action was taken.

BATTLES presented a quote for a purchase of a used truck to replace one which hauls the District's heavy equipment around. This truck will replace an older one and will keep the District in compliance with California Air Board regulations. After Discussion, on motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the purchase of the truck.

BATTLES reported on the West Main extension, Lateral 4 project. The engineer is currently looking at alternative routes for the West Main extension. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

LIMAS presented an engagement letter from Cattone and Mastro to perform the 2020 Audit. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the engagement letter.

LIMAS provided the District Investment Policy for review. No changes were proposed. After review and discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA, and unanimously approved, the Board re-adopted the current investment policy.

The Board reviewed and discussed a Cost of Living Adjustment for employees for 2020. After data review and discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director SCHOTT, and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 2% COLA for the employees for 2020.

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

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the November 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 November bills including a request from California Farm Water Coalition for 2020 member dues for 2020 totaling \$10,125.

LIMAS reported on the strategy sessions and discussion on future financial needs and financing options for the District. No action was taken.

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. No Action was taken.

South Valley Water Banking Authority

LIMAS reviewed recent activity of the Authority. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed an amended Joint Powers Agreement. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Amended Joint Powers Agreement.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER. Upon returning to open session, it was reported that the Board approved an annual performance evaluation and salary increase for the General Manager. There were no other reportable actions 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