



**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 April 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via video and audio conference only. 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, Assistant Manager
John Michael Domondon, Staff Engineer

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General counsel
Allan Becker, Homer
Armando Leal, Farmer
Meghan Chicoine, Farmland Management
Geof VandenHuevel, Milk Producers Council
Stacie Ann Silva, New Currents

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are dry/below average across the state. The Friant Class 1 allocation is now 40%. The current CVC allocation is 15%. 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 and General Counsel PELTZER reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activities, including potential funding for the Friant Kern Canal capacity correction. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. The Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction is ongoing. Tule River channel clearing, winter canal dipping, grading, spraying, turnout installations and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. BATTLES also discussed an overhaul of fuel injectors and cooling system on one of the graders and the remaining 2 trucks in the fleet that will have to be replaced this year due to California Air Board regulations. No action was taken.

BATTLES and LIMAS reported on the West Main extension, Lateral 4 project and the Deer Creek Diversion structure project. Staff will be bringing a potential construction and funding plan for the Diversion Structure Project to the May Board meeting. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed Resolution 2020-4-1, considering the sale of APN 318-240-015. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director SCHOTT, and

unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2020-4-1.

LIMAS presented proposals to do Geological/Soil, Cultural and Air Quality studies under the PL-566 grant received through NRCS to do a watershed conservation plan for the Lower Deer Creek Watershed. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved a proposal from ODELL to do the studies both in house and working with subcontractors.

LIMAS reviewed progress on the draft 218 Engineers report, including a discussion on an ad-valorem assessment vs. an equal per acre assessment. No action was taken

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of March and the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the March bills. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the March financial reports and ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the March bills.

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.

OTHER MATTERS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager