Pixley Irrigation District SINCE 1958

APPROVED

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 June 11, 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

Jack Lopez, Field Superintendent

John Michael Domondon, Staff Engineer

Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Dan Vink, South Valley Water Association
Allan Becker, Homer
Meghan Chicoine, Farmland Management
Geof VandenHuevel, Milk Producers Council

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director PARREIERA, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the May 14, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

The Board went into closed session at 9:00 a.m. Upon reconvening into open session, at 10:00 a.m. 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 60%. The current CVC allocation is 20%. Pixley does not currently have enough of a water supply to do an irrigation run this summer. No action was taken.

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

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

DAN VINK reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activities, including potential long-term Airborne Snow Observatory program funding. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

JACK LOPEZ reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop inspections performed, the Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction is ongoing, canal dipping, grading, spraying, turnout installations and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. LOPEZ also reported on a fuel tank failure at the Lower Tule Shop. No action was taken.

LIMAS reported on the West Main extension, Lateral 4 project, and the Deer Creek Diversion structure project. Several meetings have been held with affected landowners on the Lateral 4 project. Staff will continue to meet with landowners as the project planning and design continues to move forward. On the Deer Creek diversion structure, the engineers are progressing on the 100% design, staff is working with the engineers and gate manufacturer to order the gate which will take 6 months to get in, and staff plans to begin structure work this fall to prepare for gate installation.

Administrative Activities

LIMAS reviewed a summary of the draft 218 Engineers report and an updated schedule. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of May. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the May financial reports.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the May 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 May 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. The Board discussed DCTRA activities, including the special project of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and whether DCTRA was the correct venue for that program to be run. 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