

## **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 March 12, 2020, at 9:30 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, Assistant Manager  
John Michael Domondon, Staff Engineer

### ***Others Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel  
Jennifer Spalleta, Special Counsel (via telephone)  
Allan Becker, Homer  
Meghan Chicoine, Farmland Management  
Geof Vandenhuevel, Milk Producers Council  
Travis Millwee, Pacific Resources

### **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the February 13, 2020 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. Conditions are dry/below average across the state. The Friant Class 1 allocation is 20%. Statewide conditions are very dry. The current CVC allocation is 15%. No action was taken.

In February, Pixley ran water for DEID under the exchange agreement. The Board discussed the water rate to charge on the water run in the February meeting. Staff was directed to charge \$75 per acre-foot. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director SCHOTT, and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the water rate of \$75 per acre foot for the February water run.

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

LIMAS and Director JUNIO updated the Board on a letter received from Friant Water Authority inviting participation in the FWA Board meetings by non-FWA members. Director DEGROOT will start attending the meetings, with Director PARREIRA being the alternate representative.

## **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

LIMAS and General Counsel PELTZER reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activities, including reviewing the final draft of a report on a Friant project portfolio which lists and describes potential projects within the Friant division that would help maximize deliveries and use of Friant contract water supplies in the future. No action was taken.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### **Construction and Operation activities**

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. The Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction has started. With the delivery systems shut down in February, Tule River channel clearing, winter canal dipping, turnout installations and annual o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. BATTLES also discussed 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 reported on the West Main extension, Lateral 4 project, reviewing alternative routes for the West Main extension and lateral 4. Staff will be meeting with effected landowners later in March. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

LIMAS presented proposals to do Hydrology studies and Economic impact analysis and 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 SCHOTT, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved proposals from Six-33 Solutions and Highland Economics to do the studies.

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

The Board also reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the February 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 February bills.

LIMAS reported on the strategy sessions and discussion on future financial needs and financing options for the District including the engineers report currently being drafted for a potential 218 election later this year. 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.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

The Board went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER and Special Counsel SPALLETA. Upon returning to open session there were no 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