



**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 May 14, 2020, at 10:00 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  
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  
Doug Gosling, Braun-Gosling  
Carole Combs, Tule Basin Wildlife Partners

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

On motion by Director PARREIERA, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the minutes of the April 9, 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 55%. The current CVC allocation is 15%. 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 funding for the Friant Kern Canal capacity correction and lawsuits related to California Delta operations and Biological opinions. No action was taken.

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### **Construction and Operation activities**

MIKE BATTLES 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. BATTLES also reported on a truck that was purchased after consulting 2 Board members from each of the District Boards. The purchase was budgeted for. Lastly, BATTLES reported on a failure of one of the fuel tanks at the Lower Tule shop that was discovered this week. A more detailed report will come next month. No action was taken.

BATTLES and LIMAS reported on the West Main extension, Lateral 4 project, and the Deer Creek Diversion structure project. A proposal from Provost & Pritchard to prepare 100% engineering design of the Deer Creek Structure was presented. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal. Staff also presented costs comparisons of constructing the project

utilizing district staff vs. hiring an outside contractor. The item will be brought back to the Board in a future meeting for further discussion.

#### Administrative Activities

LIMAS reviewed progress on the draft 218 Engineers report. No action was taken.

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

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the April 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 April 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