

**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 October 8, 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

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Matt Klinchuch, Provost and Pritchard

Lnadowners and Public:

Geof VandenHuevel, Milk Producers Council
Kent Stephens
Anthony Prine
Jarigi Dulai
Sarder Singh

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK and

unanimously approved, the minutes of the September 10, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented.

On motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the minutes of the September 29, 2020 special meeting were approved as presented.

At 9:05 a.m. President JUNIO opened a public hearing on the 218 election proposing to change the revenue structure of the District, shifting collections more from a water rate structure to a land based charge. LIMAS presented a summary of the new structure and comparison of the current structure vs. the proposed structure. Public comments were received from Anthony Prine and Sarder Singh. At 9:25 a.m. President Junio closed the public hearing. Consulting Engineer Matt Klinchuch then left the room to tabulate the ballots.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are dry/below average across the state. SCE operations were interrupted due to the Creek Fire. The Bureau has been working with SCE to release water from the upper reservoirs to help avoid Millerton Reservoir hitting lowpoint. The current CVC allocation is 20%. CVC water started being delivered on Monday July 13, the remainder of Pixley's CVC water should be delivered in October and November. CVC contractors had a negotiating session with the Bureau on September 30 regarding the contract conversion. 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

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

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, COVID-19 training was held, shop inspections performed, the Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction is ongoing and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. No action was taken.

BATTLES and LIMAS reported on the West Main extension, Lateral 4 project, the basin meter grant agreement, and the Deer Creek Diversion structure project. The Lateral 4 project is currently at the 30% design level. Provost & Pritchard is completing the 100% design documents for the project. Staff had a call with the Bureau kicking off the process to draft the agreement and do the NEPA document for the basin metering project. Permits are in place and construction on the Deer Creek diversion project will begin in mid-October.

Administrative Activities

LIMAS reviewed the strategic plan and revisions to it based on discussions at the Board Budget workshop. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT, and unanimously approved the Board approved the strategic plan as presented.

LIMAS reviewed the 2021 O&M and General District budgets and revisions based on discussions in the Board Budget workshop. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 2021 budgets.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports and bills paid for the month of September. On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the September financial reports.

The Board reviewed the bills paid during the month of September. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the September bills.

Matt Klinchuch read off the results of the 218 election. 89% of the votes cast, voted in favor of the new revenue structure.

The Board considered Resolution 10-1-2020 setting the 2021 assessment rates based

on the approved 218 election. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, Resolution 10-1-2020 was approved.

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. No Action was taken.

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

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