



## **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 September 10, 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  
Jennifer Spaletta, Special Counsel  
Allan Becker, Homer  
Meghan Chicoine, Farmland Management  
Geof VandenHuevel, Milk Producers Council  
Carole Combs, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners

### **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 PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the August 13, 2020 regular 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 current CVC allocation is 20%. CVC water started being delivered on Monday July 13. 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 and Friant Kern Canal subsidence capacity correction project funding. 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 and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. BATTLES also reported on 2 graders that are currently broke down and 3 new pickups were ordered. The purchases were budgeted for and the quotes are within budgeted amounts. No action was taken.

BATTLES and LIMAS reported on the West Main extension, Lateral 4 project, and the Deer Creek Diversion structure project. The Lateral 4 project is currently at the 30% design level. Staff received a proposal from Provost & Pritchard to complete the 100% design documents for the project. After discussion, on motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal.

### **Administrative Activities**

At 11:10 a.m. the Board opened the annual Board of Equalization public hearing. At the

close of the Public hearing, the Board considered Resolution 2020-9-1 setting the 2021 assessment rates. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2020-9-1.

The Board considered Resolution 2020-9-2 approving submission of a grant application for construction of the Lateral 4. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2020-9-2.

The Board considered Resolution 2020-9-3, entering into a Letter of Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to prepare an environmental document covering transfers and exchanges of Cross Valley water. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2020-9-3.

LIMAS reviewed the 218 election schedule and feedback from the recently held landowner meetings. No action was taken.

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

LIMAS reviewed the 2020 budget and recommended budget adjustments in the Capital Expenditure budget, SGMA implementation budget and the Water Supply budget. Total adjustments resulted in a decrease of \$3,425,000 in the 2020 budget. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the recommended budget adjustments.

The Board reviewed the bills paid during the month of August. 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 August 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. Staff and consultants are currently drafting formation documents to form a non-profit organization to take over administration of the program. 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