



# 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 April 15, 2021, 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

Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent

#### Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta, Special Counsel

#### Landowners and Public:

Alan Becker, Renewable Resources Group Stacie Ann Silva, New Currents Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Counsel Travis Millwee, Pacific Resources Veer Patel, Public

# **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

On motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting were approved as

presented.

# WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are dry/below average across the state. Because the water year has gotten even drier than anticipated, the initial CVC allocation of 5% was suspended by the Bureau of Reclamation until further notice. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, water quality, pumpback project and subsidence/capacity correction activities. No action was taken.

## SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

LIMAS reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activities, including communications with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding current year water supply and operations. No action was taken.

# **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections performed, Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction and Deer Creek Structure project are ongoing and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. The new fuel tank installation at the Lower Tule shop facility is complete with final testing and air board approval currently being performed. Meters have been ordered for the Pixley Basin metering project. No action was taken.

# Administrative Activities

LIMAS presented options for replacement of the office copy machine and update of scanning software. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved the purchase of the copy machine and scanning software.

APPROVED

LIMAS presented Resolution 2021-4-1 Considering determination of APN 300-240-008 not to be sold and right of redemption terminated. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution.

LIMAS presented Resolution 2021-4-2 Authorizing Execution and Delivery by the District of an Installment Purchase Contract and authorizing the execution of other necessary financing documents. After discussion, on motion by Director SCHOTT, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution.

LIMAS reviewed the District's Custom Work rates and the process for developing those rates. This information was also reviewed with the Finance Committee in March. No action was taken.

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of March. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the March bills paid.

## MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

#### Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

LIMAS reviewed DCTRA activities, the minutes of the meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. No Action was taken.

# **OTHER MATTERS**

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that no reportable actions were 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