



## **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 December 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. 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 - <b>ABSENT</b>

### ***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Assistant Manager  
Mark Greenall, Controller  
John Michael Domondon, Engineer

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

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel  
Reyn Akiona, consultant  
Dan Vink, SVWA

### ***Landowners and Public:***

Alan Becker, Renewable Resources Group  
Travis Millwee, Pacific Resources  
Geof Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council

## **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 DEGROOT and

unanimously approved, the minutes of the November 8, 2021, special regular Board meeting were approved as presented.

Manager LIMAS presented the current slate of officers and committee assessments. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the same slate of officers for 2022.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant allocation is 25% Class 1. The CVC allocation is currently 0%. The SWP initial 2022 allocation is 0%. LIMAS also gave an update on CVC contract conversion activities. No action was taken.

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

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

DAN VINK reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activities, including voluntary agreement discussions, infrastructure funding, and current water 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 and the Deer Creek Structure project is ready to divert water. Replacement of the Seitz pipeline in Lower Tule is ongoing. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. Construction projects have started at Teapot Dome and Vandalia. Two of the three pickups ordered earlier this year have been delivered. The District has several open positions currently and staff is working to try filling them. No action was taken.

BATTLES led a review of the ditch capacities in the distribution system. Staff has provided draft easement agreements to the landowners along the Lateral 4 right of way and will soon be reaching out to see if there are any comments on the drafts.

#### Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed Resolution 2021-12-1, Authorizing the execution and delivery of an Installation Purchase Contract and authorizing the execution of the other necessary documents and related actions. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2021-12-1.

The Board reviewed 2021-12-2, Supporting the Water Infrastructure Act of 2022. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2021-12-2 and directed staff to work with local CSDs and PUDs to try and gain their support as well.

LIMAS presented calculations and analysis of a 2022 Cost of Living Adjustment for employees. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 4.25% COLA.

Controller GREENALL reviewed an Audit Engagement letter from Cattone and Mastro for the 2021 audit services. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the Audit Engagement Letter.

GREENALL presented the District Investment Policy with recommended updates. After discussion, on motion by Director, PARREIRA, second by Director WESTBROOK and unanimously approved, the Board approved the updated Investment Policy as presented.

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of November. On motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the bills paid including the annual membership dues to the California Farm Water Coalition.



Approved

**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 the District has executed a long term Water Supply Cooperation Agreement with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District. It was also reported the Board approved salary increases for the General Manager and the Assistant Manager, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to be brought to the Board attention, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Eric Limas  
General Manager