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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 special meeting on November 8, 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

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager Mike Battles, Assistant Manager Mark Greenall, Controller Jack Lopez, Field Superintendent

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel Reyn Akiona, consultant

Landowners and Public:

Alan Becker, Renewable Resources Group 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 DEGROOT, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the October 11, 2021, special regular Board meeting were approved as presented.

Public comment was received from Geoff Vanden Huevel regarding the More Water Now! initiative being proposed to dedicate an annual portion of the state budget to water infrastructure projects.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant allocation was increased from 20% to 25% Class 1. The CVC allocation is currently 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

ALEX PELTZER reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activities, including voluntary agreement discussions 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, dipping and spraying of canals continues and the Deer Creek Structure project – the gate is installed, security measures are being put in place, and the air compressors will be installed. O&M on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. A couple of construction projects have started at Teapot Dome and Vandalia. Pickups ordered earlier this year may be delivered in December. The District has several open positions currently and having trouble filling them. No action was taken.

The Board discussed management of the Capinero Property. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a loan proposal from First Foundation Bank. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Board approved obtaining a 10-year loan for \$5,500,000 to help pay for the District's share of the Friant Kern Canal capacity correction project.

The Board reviewed a Draft Low Value Right of Way Acquisition Policy. After discussion, on motion by Director WESTBROOK, second by Director SCHOTT, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the policy.

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

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

ric Limas

General Manager