

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 May 13, 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

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel

Landowners and Public:

Alan Becker, Renewable Resources Group
Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Counsel

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are extremely dry

across the state. 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, grading and spraying of canals continues, Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction is nearing completion, Deer Creek Structure project is 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. Right of way documents needed to have discussions with landowners have been received by staff on the Lateral 4 project. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

BATTLES presented bids for pickup replacements. Four pickup replacements were budgeted for in the operations and maintenance budget. Due to the dry year, staff recommended three replacements for the year. After discussion, on motion by Director PARREIRA, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the Board approved the three pickup replacement purchases from Will Tiesiera Ford.

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

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