

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District met in a regular meeting on the 9th day of December 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California.

The meeting was called to order by President Atsma. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3	Thewis Atsma
Director Div.2	Bill DeGroot
Director Div.5	Frank Junio
Director Div.	Raymond Westbrook - <b>ABSENT</b>
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

Staff present:

Daniel G. Vink, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Operations Manager  
Eric Limas, Business Manager

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Junio with one minor correction, the minutes were unanimously approved and ordered placed on file.

The Financial Statements for the month of November were reviewed and on motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the November bills prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of Finance Committee in the payment of the bills, which included the payment under protest of the State Water Resources Control Board fees.

The Board then turned its attention to Board reorganization and appointments for 2011. After reviewing the current slate of officers and appointments on motion by Director Junio, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board retained the current slate of officers and appointments.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager Vink reviewed a variety of water resources activities including a recent delivery of the District's Cross Valley canal water in an exchange with Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District. The exchange will give Pixley 7500 acre-feet of water from the Tule river (delivered by exchange with Lower Tule) in a subsequent year.

The Board entered into discussion with District Counsel Ken Richardson who was at the meeting to review with the Board the recent agreement developed between Stone Corral Irrigation District and the Pixley Irrigation District for the financing of Stone Corral's 9d contract repayment. The agreement will, in part, include a repayment to Pixley Irrigation District from Stone Corral Irrigation District over a 10 year period and in addition 12,000 a/f of water will be transferred to Pixley Irrigation District from Stone Corral Irrigation District under the terms of the agreement.

In addition to District Counsel Ken Richardson being present at the meeting, Special Counsel Jakki McDonald from Sommach, Simmons and Dunn was conference into the meeting via phone. Ms. McDonald has been retained by the District to represent its interest in the Stone Corral negotiation in that District Counsel Ken Richardson represents Stone Corral and could not represent the District directly do to a conflict issue.

After considerable discussion on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2010-12-1, approving the agreement relating to the Stone Corral Irrigation District financing agreement. A copy of Resolution 2010-12-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### **Operations & Maintenance**

General Manager Vink and Operations Manager Battles reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities.

Operations Manager Battles, General Manager Vink and Business Manager Limas then reviewed with the Board a revised long term equipment replacement plan. The revised

equipment replacement plan takes into consideration different requirements under San Joaquin Air Quality Control Board laws. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director Junio, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board authorized adjustment of the 2011 budget to reflect the changes in the plan. Any purchases of equipment would be reviewed by the Board prior to the actual purchase.

### Personnel

General Manager Vink presented for consideration a 2011 cost of living adjustment for non-exempt employees. The cost of living recommendation from General Manager Vink was 1.5% for non-exempt employees. On motion by Director Schott, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved the Board authorized a cost of living adjustment of 1.5% pending approval by the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board of Directors. The 1.5% was consistent with the US cities average west wide cost of living numbers for 2011.

General Manager Vink requested that the Board President and Vice President meet with Lower Tule Board President and Vice President prior to the next meeting to discuss exempt staff salary adjustments.

The Board reviewed the updated Reserve Policy as presented by Business Manager Limas. On motion by Director Junio, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved the Board adopted the recommended update to the Reserve Policy.

The Board reviewed the Investment Policy, with no changes from 2010. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Junio and unanimously approved the Board renewed the Investment Policy as presented.

General Manager Vink then reviewed with the Board the concept of strategic planning. General Manager Vink's proposal was that the District's senior staff and management begin the strategic planning process with feed back from the Board over a several month period at monthly Board meetings. The Board concurred with the proposal from General Manager Vink.

### **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board reviewed a variety of PWRPA related activities. No action was taken.

### **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Friant Water Authority did not meet in November do to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Its combine November / December meeting will be held on December 10, 2010.

**MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority minutes of the meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2010. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

**U.S. DEPT OF INTERIOR/BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:**

Nothing new to report.

**MEETINGS, HEARINGS, NOTICES:**

Nothing new to report.

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

- A. ACWA / JPIA – CVPWA
- C. CWRA
- D. NWRA
- E. Chamber of Commerce
- F. Ag Water Committee
- G. Water Education Foundation
- H. California Farm Water Coalition
- I. Family Water Alliance

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager