



**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 on the 11th day of January 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Schott. It was determined the following Directors were present:

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| Director Div.3  | Randy Parreira              |
| Director Div.2  | Bill DeGroot- <b>ABSENT</b> |
| Director Div.5  | Frank Junio- <b>ABSENT</b>  |
| Director Div. 1 | Neal Westbrook              |
| Director Div.4  | Rusty Schott                |

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

***Guests Present:***

Brandon Spain – Farmland Management  
Zach Foster – Sunworld  
Carol Combs – Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners  
Joe Buckwitz – Zaninovich Farms

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the December 14, 2017 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager Limas gave an overview of San Luis Reservoir and Millerton reservoir conditions. Limas also reviewed a program where westside CVP water was able to be purchased to meet District exchange obligations in lieu of CVC water that has yet to be pumped from the Delta. The Board reviewed recharge water activities for the year including supplies available to be paid for with funds collected from Angiola under groundwater pumping agreements.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement. The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. No action was taken.

The Board then reviewed Resolution 2018-1-2 supporting a USBR WaterSmart grant application and matching funding to prepare the District Groundwater Sustainability Plan. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the resolution was adopted by the Board.

## **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

The minutes and Board packet of the South Valley Water Association meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. The Board discussed the FishBio presentation at the December meeting as well as Temperance Flat MOU group activities. No action was taken.

## **SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY**

Assistant Manager Limas gave an update of this project. No action was taken.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### **Construction and Operation activities**

Operations Manager Battles reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including grading, canal dipping, discing basins, new turnout installations, construction of the Burns Basin, and

Pixley SCADA and Ave 116 extension projects and the starting of the Riparian pipeline project. Battles gave an update of on the phase 1 work on the East side ditch capacity improvement project. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

The Board went into closed session to talk about real property negotiations. Upon reconvening to open session, it was announced that no reportable action was taken during closed session.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of December 2017. On motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the December Financials and ordered them placed on file and approved the transfer of \$538,794.01 from the Angiola agreement reserve fund to the District operations and Maintenance fund to cover the costs of recharge water expended in 2017 .

The Board reviewed Resolution 2018-1-1, declaring that Board members are deemed to be employees of the District for purposes of workers compensation coverage. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution.

The Board reviewed the signers on all of the District cash and investment accounts. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board approved updating the signers on all District bank and investment accounts as follows: Frank Junio, Board President, Rusty Schott, Vice-President, Eric Limas, General Manager and Jarno Mayes, Accounting Supervisor.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December bills and discussed a call for funds for the South Valley Water Banking Authority. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director Westbrook and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the December bills and approved a SVWBA call for funds of \$75,000.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

##### Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Association meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

California Farm Water Coalition

General Manager Limas reviewed the CFWC 2018 request for membership dues in the amount of \$10,125. This is the same amount as prior years. After discussion, on motion by Director Westbrook, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board approved the payment request.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas  
General Manager