

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

The Board of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District convened a regular meeting on July 12, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Board President Schott. It was determined the following Directors were present:

Director Div.3 Randy Parreira
Director Div.2 Bill DeGroot

Director Div.5 Frank Junio -ABSENT

Director Div. 1 Neal Westbrook -ABSENT

Director Div.4 Rusty Schott

## District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager
John Michael Domondon, District Engineer
Dan Vink, Senior Policy Advisor

#### **Guests Present:**

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel, Dan Howes, Cal Poly ITRC, David DeGroot, 4Creeks Engineering, Hans Gilkey, Farmland Management Services, Ray Chrispens, member of the public, Allan Becker, Sunworld, Armando Leal, Farmer, Vincent Sola, Farmer, Vincent Sola Jr. Farmer and Paul Greidanus, Farmer

#### **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the June 14, 2018 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

The Board discussed the current water run. Based on current demand, it is estimated that the current water run will last through July 24. No action was taken.

Limas reviewed a proposal from Provost and Pritchard to complete a NEPA/CEQA document to expand the flexibility of CVC water deliveries. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal.

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.

#### SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager Limas reviewed the South Valley Water Association June meeting memo and notes and a draft Temporary Water Transfer Agreement. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, Second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board approved the SVWA 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter call for funds and approved the District's participation in the temporary water transfer agreement.

#### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY**

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

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

## Construction and Operation activities

General Manager Limas gave an update on the potential new recharge basin project in Pixley. Operations Manager Battles reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, custom jobs, the water run, spraying, the Lorenzo pipeline project and the Riparian pipeline project. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a request from a landowner to have several parcels annexed into the District. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board denied the annexation request.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of June 2018. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the June Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the June bills. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the June bills.

## **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.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

At 9:45 a.m. the Board was joined by the Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District. The Boards then went into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation. Upon reconvening into open session, it was announced that there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

Dr. Dan Howes from Cal Poly ITRC presented a summary of his study of Evapotranspiration for both Districts for the period of 2007-2016. David DeGroot, 4 Creeks Engineering, showed the Boards computer screen shots of what the farmers might see on the website and mobile app once the District received the ET and Net to and from Groundwater calculations from Cal Poly's program and put it into the groundwater accounting system. Howes presented a proposal to continue to develop the data going forward from 2017 through 2019. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Cal Poly proposal.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas General Manager