

**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 August 13, 2020, 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  
Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent

***Others Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel  
Dan Vink, South Valley Water Association  
Allan Becker, Homer  
Meghan Chicoine, Farmland Management  
Geof VandenHuevel, Milk Producers Council  
Stacie Ann Silva, New Currents  
Mitch Parvoti, Waterfind  
Armando Leal, Farmer

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the July 9, 2020 regular meeting and the July 13, Special meeting were approved as presented.

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it

was reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are dry/below average across the state. The Friant Class 1 allocation is now 65%. The current CVC allocation is 20%. CVC water started being delivered on Monday July 13. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal Water Quality policy and subsidence/capacity correction activities. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed discussions and activities on the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint. No action was taken.

DAN VINK reviewed the potential grant funds available to fund implementation of the Watershed Plan and the hiring of a Watershed Coordinator. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2020-8-1 considering the filing of the grant application.

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

DAN VINK reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activities, including potential updates of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, long-term Airborne Snow Observatory program funding and the House Energy and Water bill that was passed and sent to the Senate for consideration, which contains \$200m for the Friant Kern Canal subsidence capacity correction project. No action was taken.

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### **Construction and Operation activities**

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop inspections performed, the Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction is ongoing and approximately 30% complete, and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. BATTLES also reviewed quotes received on 3 new pickups.

The purchases were budgeted for and the quotes are within budgeted amounts. No action was taken.

BATTLES and LIMAS reported on the West Main extension, Lateral 4 project, and the Deer Creek Diversion structure project. Several meetings have been held with affected landowners on the Lateral 4 project. Staff will continue to meet with landowners as the project planning and design continues to move forward. On the Deer Creek diversion structure, the engineers are progressing on the 100% design, the gate has been ordered and will be in late this year, the permit application with Ca. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to do the structure work has been submitted and staff plans to begin structure work this fall to prepare for gate installation.

#### Administrative Activities

LIMAS reviewed the 218 election schedule and feedback from the recently held landowner meetings. No action was taken.

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid during the month of July. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the July 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. The Board discussed DCTRA activities, including the special project of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Staff and consultants are currently drafting formation documents to form a non-profit organization to take over administration of the program. No Action was taken.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

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

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas  
General Manager