

**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 July 9, 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
Jarno Mayes, Accounting Supervisor
John Michael Domondon, Staff Engineer

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel
Dan Vink, South Valley Water Association
Joe Mastro, Cuttone and Mastro
Allan Becker, Homer
Meghan Chicoine, Farmland Management
Geof VandenHuevel, Milk Producers Council
Richard Garcia, member of the public

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 WESTBROOK, second by Director DEGROOT and unanimously approved, the minutes of the June 11, 2020 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%. Pixley does not currently have enough of a water supply to do an irrigation run this summer. CVC water is scheduled to start 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.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

DAN VINK reviewed monthly South Valley Water Association activities, including potential 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. Also reported was that the District receive a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation to install meters on recharge basins. 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, staff is working with the engineers and gate manufacturer to order the gate which will take 6 months to get in, 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

Auditor, JOE MASTRO, reviewed the 2019 audited Financial Statements. After review and discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director WESTBROOK, the audited financial report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

LIMAS reviewed the draft 218 Engineers report and an updated schedule. The Board then considered Resolution 2020-7-1 Considering the approval of the engineer's report and authorizing the 218 election ballots to be sent out. After discussion, on motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director SCHOTT and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2020-7-1

The Board reviewed the Financial reports and bills paid for the month of June. On motion by Director DEGROOT, second by Director PARREIRA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the June financial reports and ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment 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. The Board discussed DCTRA activities, including the special project of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program and whether DCTRA was the correct venue for that program to be run. No Action was taken.

OTHER MATTERS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager