



**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 12th day of January 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California.

The meeting was called to order by Board 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 -ABSENT
Director Div.4	Rusty Schott

District Staff present:

Dan Vink, General Manager
Eric Limas, Assistant General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

Guests Present:

None

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Agenda was approved as presented, with the addition of making the Ave 116 project review a potential action item.

The Minutes of the December 8, 2016 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including Deer Creek flows,

possible summer water run, Delta operations and current Friant flood operations. No action was taken.

The Board discussed setting a water rate for the winter period, during flood flows and uncontrolled season. After discussion, on motion by Director Schott, second by Director Parreira, and unanimously approved, the Board set the winter water rate at \$25 per acre-foot.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities. The Board also reviewed the agreements with Teviston CSD and Pixley PUD. The agreements call for the Pixley GSA to ratify the agreements, as the GSA. After discussion, on motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot, and unanimously approved, the Board, as the GSA, ratified the agreements.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager VINK reviewed SVWA activity which has been focused on water supply issues, Federal legislation and Delta operations over the past month. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager Battles reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities, reporting that District crews have been busy with Deer Creek flows and Tule River flood releases. Battles and Limas gave an update of the Ave 116 extension project. They presented an updated project cost of approximately \$575,000 plus District staff and equipment time. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Parreira, and unanimously approved, the Board approved with proceeding with the project.

The Board considered Resolution 2017-1-1, approving a grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation to implement SCADA on the Ave 116 canal diversion from the LTRID #1 canal. The total project is approximately \$70,000 and the grant, if awarded, will cover 50% of the project. After discussion, on motion by Director DeGroot, second by Director Schott, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2017-1-1.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of December 2016. On motion by Director Parreira, 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 December bills. On motion by Director Parreira, second by Director DeGroot, and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December bills.

Assistant Manager Limas presented an audit engagement letter from Adair and Evans to perform the 2016 Financial Statement Audit. The proposal is for \$8150. After review, on motion by Director Schott, second by Director Parreira and unanimously approved, the Board approved the execution of the Audit Engagement letter.

SOUTH VALLEY WATER BANKING AUTHORITY

Assistant Manager Limas gave an update on the project. No action was taken.

MISC. AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES:

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Vink
General Manager