

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JANUARY 12, 2017**

At 5:00 pm President Winchester called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Bordsen, Lowe, and Wheeler. Director Woods was absent. Also in attendance was Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Tony Ward.

**1. Call for nominations for, and the Election of Officers:** Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen moved to appoint the same Directors as Officers as was appointed in 2016. Directors Wheeler, Winchester, Lowe and Bordsen ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed. Director Winchester will serve as Board President, Director Wheeler as Vice President with Ryan McNally as Secretary and Donna Springsteen as Clerk.

**2. Minutes:** The Minutes of the December 8, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester. Directors Wheeler, Winchester, Lowe and Bordsen ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

*Agenda Item 4 was moved to Agenda Item 3 to make more time for Public Forum*

**4. Finance Committee Report:** Concerning the Financial Report for the month of December 2016. Director Bordsen reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of November and found everything to be in order. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the financial reports for the month of December. Directors Wheeler, Winchester, Lowe and Bordsen ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

**3. Public Forum:** None

**5. The Board will discuss the Proposition 218 rate study hearing process and take action as appropriate:** Discussion only, no action taken. The Board would like to have a Board Workshop prior to the next meeting to discuss different rate scenarios.

**6. The Board will consider a Resolution to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric Project:** Director Lowe, seconded by Director Winchester moved to approve Resolution 01-12-17-01

President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler, and Winchester  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Woods  
Resolution 11-10-16-01 Passed

**7. The Board will discuss the 2017 Board Meeting schedule and may take action as appropriate:**  
Tabled for discussion at the January 26, 2017 Board Meeting.

**8. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>49,500 AF</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,184.2 FT</b>	<b>-1.2 FT</b>	<b>1.0 CFS</b>	<b>1,020 KW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	22,930 AF	46.3%	1,151.9 FT	31.1 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

On December 19, 2016 YCWA held a Member Unit meeting to discuss the elements of the Water Supply Agreement with the remaining unsigned parties. At that meeting, each of the non-water rights holders acquiesced to giving up some of their base project supply to the water rights holders, primarily Hallwood and Cordua. There was no adverse impact to BVID. There were also several other elements that BVID can/will benefit from including a thirty (30) year term and the allowance of the unused project water to be discounted in the fall as “conserved water.”

On December 16, 2016, the White House signed the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. Locally, that legislation will hopefully expand the transfer window from between April 1 to November 30 each year as well as determine within 30 days of a written proposal to transfer water using Federal infrastructure, and complete NEPA and ESA requirements within 45 days.

On December 28, 2016 Kleinschmidt submitted the District's required security documents to FERC.

In regard to the Accord Pumper Agreements, staff confirmed with Legal Counsel that the Agreements will remain in effect until YCWA relicensing occurs. Any amendment to those Agreements must be done with consent from both parties.

On January 4, 2017, staff attempted to begin generation in anticipation of substantial rain in the forecast but several control components malfunctioned. Henwood and Associates worked for several days to find a workaround but was unsuccessful until January 11, 2017 when it was brought back online through several crude workarounds. The repair, which will include new, modern parts will be about \$25,500. In addition, staff has asked Henwood to provide a quote for an upgraded governor, and well as an automatic synchronizer, which will likely be the next failure as well as to begin exploring a smaller generator that can generate on 1 CFS.

On January 6, 2017, staff removed all of the pumps at the Yuba River upon learning that the District's JPIA coverage has a \$75,000 deductible for flood related damages. On January 8, 2017, the Manager observed that the entire fish screen was submerged and the lower pump platform was soon to be submerged.

On January 10, 2017 all of the Member Units, including Cordua, signed the YCWA Water Supply Agreement. The District will work with Legal Counsel to determine the comparisons between them and BVID's and invoke the "favored nations" provision.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Annexation**

Staff is ready to submit the CEQA exemption for 34 parcels.

### **Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project**

The 50% design drawings are on schedule to be completed in early February.

### **Yuba River Diversion Maintenance**

Staff met with Alan Lilly to discuss any exemptions from the USACE requirements for a 404 permit. Legal Counsel believes there is precedent for such an exemption but that would not release the District from the more onerous Fish and Wildlife requirements.

IN addition, there are likely damages to the fish screen associated with the high water and OES has advised they will be seeking CDAA funds from the Governor's Office. Nevertheless, NWS is advising of an additional atmospheric river event possible next week around January 17 or 18, 2017.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 12/09/16 The Manager facilitated the BVID EAP Face to Face Meeting at YCWA.
- 12/15/16 The Manager and Technical Program Manager met with Alan Lilly (BKS) via conference call to discuss the Yuba River diversion maintenance.
- 12/19/16 Directors Bordsen, Winchester and the Manager attended a Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 12/22/16 The Manager attended a YCWA Board Meeting.
- 01/11/17 The Manager had a conference call with GEI to discuss the progress of the Virginia Ranch Dam PMF Study.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 01/17/17 The Manager and Administrative Services Manager will attend a meeting to discuss the June to December 2016 Power Enhancement Agreement.
- 02/01/17 Sexual Harassment training required for all Directors and Managers at the BVID Office.
- 01/20/17 The Manager will attend an ACWA JPIA Leadership meeting.
- TBD BV Ridge Ad Hoc Committee to discuss BVID acceptance of Stern Lane infrastructure.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

- RECENT PROJECTS
  - 1. Sprayed the District yard. Some touch up yet to do.
  - 2. Completed the tunnel inspection at Virginia Ranch Dam.
  - 3. 01/12/2017 held a safety meeting on the subject of personal protective equipment and pesticide safety.
  - 4. Repaired a main line break on the Sandy Way pipeline and repaired the road.
  - 5. Removed several fallen trees from the Sicard, Browns Valley Main, Olive Hill, Heintzen, and Arnold ditches. We also removed a tree that had fallen over the driveway to the office.

6. Fabricated over 50 new service locks.
7. Removed the electric pump motors and fish screen motor at the Yuba River pumping station due to potential flooding.
8. Fabricated and installed a new measuring weir for the Arnold ditch.
9. Renewed the Feather River Air Quality permit, Pesticide Spray permit, and the C.U.P.A. hazardous materials permit. The C.U.P.A. permit was submitted to the state CERS program as required.
10. Performed maintenance to the Bobcat skidsteer and the Cat 307 excavator.
11. Finished the connection of the existing Ellis pipeline to the new Ellis pipeline.
12. Cleaned the ditch from the tail of the Virginia Ranch Dam tunnel downstream to allow the tunnel to drain.
13. Replaced the seals on the water trailer pump.
14. Rebuilt a section of the Sicard ditch downstream of the tunnel below the U.C. Field Station.
15. Started all equipment and added fuel preservative to those that are seldom used.

FUTURE  
PROJECTS

1. Continue clean up on the lower Ellis pipeline conditions permitting.
2. Pour four yards of concrete in a scoured area at the east end of the tunnel at Virginia Ranch Dam.
3. Try to solve the Pietz leak problems.

**9. Director's Comments and Reports:** None

**10. Correspondence:** None

- Letter dated December 6, 2016 to BVID from ACWA/JPIA the President's Special Recognition Award;
- Letter dated December 27, 2016 to BVID from Bartkiewicz, Kronick and Shanahan regarding an increase in fees for 2017.

**11. Closed Session: The Board in closed session shall discuss the employee evaluation and employment agreement in association with the 2016 Compensation Study for the General Manager.**

**12. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session:** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve a 5% salary increase to the General Manager effective January 1, 2017 and another 5% upon his annual hire date of February 24, 2017 as well as an additional 5% effective in 2018. Directors Wheeler, Winchester, Lowe and Bordsen ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

**13. Adjournment:**