

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 22, 2015**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the January 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. Directors Winchester, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Discussion of Committee Assignments for the year 2015. After discussion, a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler, for the 2015 Committee Assignments to remain the same as 2014 with the exception of adding a new Ad Hoc Committee for Groundwater Pumping appointing Directors Bordsen and Winchester in the positions. Directors Winchester, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST. BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	22,930 AF	46.3%	1,151.9 FT	32.1 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	11,700 AF	23.6%	1,134.5 FT	48.5 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Don Moss (Henwood and Associates) was able to get a camera inside the turbine runner of the main generator and observed some cavitations damage on the leading edges of the blades where they are welded to the outer ring. He advised that the turbine should last another season but will need to be repaired no later than next fall. The repair will consist of removing the turbine (can be taken out through the door) and sending it to a machine shop in Sacramento. This repair has a preliminary cost estimate of just over \$15,500 and will take approximately one month to complete.

The fish screen along the Yuba River continues to operate intermittently despite various attempts to repair. Due to the repetitive nature of the problem, staff has decided to have a "fresh set of eyes" analyze the problem and advise of an effective repair. Don Moss has experience with fish screens in other jurisdictions and has agreed to take a look.

Staff is moving forward with the required biannual Dam Deformation Survey which is required by FERC. This study measures any vertical or horizontal movement of the dam.

Staff is looking into switching mobile carriers from AT&T to Verizon, which has a more effective range in the foothills. This will incur a minor capital expense in purchasing new phones and terminating the existing contract, but will ending up costing less monthly. Additionally, if we make the switch prior to January 31, we will get a \$300 credit to help offset the initial expenses.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Annexation

Staff is still waiting for additional responses from the letters mailed to the owners of potential parcels to be annexed.

Dry Creek Recapture Project

Staff is working with DWR on reporting and invoicing for activities to date. Also, in preparing the Agreements for Coughlan and Karlshoej, legal counsel has requested staff to obtain title reports to clearly identify ownership of each parcel since they seem to be held in trust.

Saddleback Lift Pump

The CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration "Notice of Completion" was forwarded for distribution to other public agencies for a 30 day review period. Once that is complete, BVID will address any comments from the public agencies. The Board will then review any comments and certify a "Notice of Determination." The next step after that will be to file the "Notice of Determination" with the County Clerk and again at the State Clearing House. A public announcement will be placed in the Territorial Dispatch and adjacent landowners notified for a second 30 day public comment period. Once this 30 day review period is complete, the CEQA will be complete (unless an extraordinary objection occurs). Three applications will be submitted on Monday one to each of: the US Army Corp Engineers, CA Fish and Wildlife, and Regional Water Resource Control Board. Permits will likely be needed.

PAST MEETINGS

- 01/13/15 The Manager met with Yuba County to discuss the annual encroachment permit process.
- 01/13/15 Director Lowe and the General Manager attended the Board of Supervisors marijuana ordinance workshop meeting.
- 01/14/15 The Manager met with YCWA Director Randy Fletcher and NYWD General Manager Jeff Maupin to discuss long term collaborations.
- 01/14/15 The GIS Planner traveled to Gilroy to obtain signatures from the Heinzen family for the East Side Collins Lake Agreement.

01/21/15 Director Bordsen and the Manager attended a YCWA Member Unit meeting in Marysville.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

01/29/2015 FERC Part 12D Training at the East Bay Municipal Utility District in Oakland.

01/30/2015 NCWA Strategic Planning Session

02/17/2015 YCWA Member Unit Meeting

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
1. Completed over 125 USA pipeline locations in the last ten days.
 2. Finished mechanically cleaning the Thousand Trails ditch.
 3. Tony renewed the yearly pesticide permit.
 4. Repaired a leak on the Mahle pipeline.
 5. Rebuilt the trucks on the fish screen brush system.
 6. Mechanically cleaned the upper half of the Sicard ditch.
 7. Sprayed the weeds on the Lower Main ditch, Lower end of the Heintzen ditch, the Virginia Ranch Dam powerhouse area, and the District yard.
 8. Held a safety training meeting on the topic of pesticide safety and personal protective equipment.
 9. Reworked several of the paddlewheel screens replacing brushes and bearings when necessary.

- FUTURE PROJECTS
1. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.
 2. Complete the yearly maintenance at the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None

6. Correspondence: None

7. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, President Bordsen adjourned the meeting.