

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 23, 2014**

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, Lowe and Woods. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the January 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: Ryan McNally from Yuba County OES talked about a letter going out to all Yuba County residents asking for a 20% water reduction in water use due to the Drought Bill signed by Governor Brown.

3. Discussion of Committee Assignments for the year 2014. A motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe to approve 2014 Committee Assignments as submitted. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation remains at 1,134.5 ft, which is 48.5 ft below spill. This amounts to 23.6% of storage with 11,700 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with minimal releases to Dry Creek. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,180.4 ft, which is 2.6 ft below spill (95.7% or 47,400 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 990 Kw with releases of 125 cfs.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

We are still on hold for permitting. Both State agencies (Cal Fish & Wildlife and SWRCB) will not issue their permits until both are satisfied with each other's permits.

Water Transfers 2014:

With the extremely low water levels in Bullards Bar and almost no snowpack/inflow, there is only about one-half of the water needed for diversion by the member units in 2014. Also, this year is shaping up to be an Accord Schedule 6 water year type but could be a Conference Year if it remains dry. The short supply means that there will be deficiencies in water deliveries, which will create a desire for well owners to pump groundwater to offset those shortages. Well pumping to offset shortages does not qualify for Groundwater Substitution Transfer pumping. Therefore, YCWA is not planning for a 2014 Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer.

The District's Conserved Water Transfer is also at risk if the diversion deficiencies described above reduce the ability to divert at full capacity from the Yuba River. The

bottom line is that we need to take care of in-District needs before we sell water downstream.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Electric Project:

The consultants are reviewing the two alternative routes to see if we can effectively get power to either the Browns Valley Substation or the Narrows (Smartsville) Substation.

Meetings:

Past:

- 01-14-14 I attended the NCWA, Drought/Water Transfer meeting in Sacramento.
- 01-15-14 I attended the Yuba IRWMP meeting in Marysville.
- 01-15-14 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Richvale.
- 01-15-14 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting in Marysville
- 01-16-14 The Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) met to discuss the advancement of a crewmember and an upcoming retirement request by the General Manager.
- 01-16-14 I attended the Yuba IRWMP core group meeting in Marysville.
- 01-17-14 The incoming Assistant General Manager attended the first of six NCWA Future Water Leaders classes.
- 01-21-14 Director Winchester and I attended the YCWA Groundwater workshop at YCWA.

Future Meetings:

- 01-27-14 NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 01-30-14 ACWA Board workshop in Sacramento.
- 01-31-14 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 02-11-14 NCWA Dry Year Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 02-13-14 Finance Committee meeting to review the January bills and discuss the 2014 draft Budget.

Projects:

Past:

1. Continued mechanically cleaning the Lower Main ditch.
2. Finished the steel pipe replacement on the Abel pipeline at the Pietz Ranch.
3. Began the replacement of another steel pipe section at the Little Ranch on the Abel pipeline.
4. Installed a new service on the Ellis pipeline.
5. Audited the Browns Valley Ridge pipeline.

6. Cleaned up the pump platform area at the Yuba River pumping station.
7. Worked with Don Moss on the unit #2 generator at Virginia Ranch Dam powerhouse. There are still some bugs to work out.

Future Projects:

1. Finish replacing a steel pipe on the Abel pipeline.
2. Finish cleaning the Lower BV Main ditch.

5. The Board will discuss the current dry conditions and consider requests for the short term release of water to the delivery system. Discussion only.

6. The Board will consider post-retirement requests for the out-going General Manager. After discussion, a motion by Director Winchester seconded by Director Woods moved to approve that the General Manager be allowed to take his unused vacation up to the point that, in combination with the service credit purchased from one-half of the remaining sick leave, will add up to 12 months beyond his last day of work (in the office). The last day of vacation will become his retirement date (late October 2015). Any remaining (unused) vacation time will be paid as a lump. This will make his last day of work (in the office), January 5, 2015. All ayes motion passed.

After discussion, Director Lowe moved that the General Manager be provided with supplemental Medicare insurance after age 65. The motion died for lack of a second.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Lowe voiced concerns that due to the extremely dry conditions, that groundwater pumping in 2014 might have a detrimental affect on the groundwater basin.

8. Correspondence:

- Memo dated January 17, 2014 from Manager Cotter to Personnel Committee/Board regarding upcoming retirement.
- Letter dated January 21, 2014 from MBK Engineers to BVID regarding a letter dated January 17, 2014 from State Water Resources Control Board.

9. Closed Session: The Board in closed session will **consider advancement** for a crewmember; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

10. Open Session: President Bordsen announced that the Board, in closed session, moved to approve the step raise and successfully completed probation for a crewmember effective January 27, 2014.

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