

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 25, 2018**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the January 11, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen. Directors Winchester, Lowe and Bordsen ayes, Directors Wheeler and Woods absent, motion passed.

Director Woods arrived 5:05pm, Director Winchester passed the gavel to Director Woods

2. Public Forum:

- Brian Toepher inquired about receiving water on Iowa City Rd
- Dick Vierra inquired about the status of the BVID history book

3. The Board will discuss the 2018 District Committee Assignments and take action to appoint accordingly. No action taken.

4. The Board will consider adopting Resolution 01-25-18-01 in support of 2018 Water and Park Bond Measures. Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen moved to approve Resolution 01-25-18-01. Director Woods then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Bordsen, Lowe & Woods
 NOES: none
 ABSTAIN: none
 ABSENT: Wheeler
 Resolution 01-25-18-01 Passed

5. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	37,510 AF 75.8%	1,169.9 FT	13.1 FT	0.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	49,500 AF 100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	SPILLING	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On January 12, 2018, the Manager authorized an extension to the Master Service Agreement with Kleinschmidt for their services as the District's Dam Safety Engineer. The Manager also gave Kleinschmidt a notice to proceed for the 2018 Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report (DSSMR) which is estimated to be \$13,000. This annual report is required by FERC.

On January 18, 2018, the Operations Manager met with Syblon Reid to discuss repair efforts required at the spillway per FERC. Repairs will include patching the cracking and spalled area in the trapezoidal inlet as well as exploring the drains with a camera. They will provide an estimate. Staff intends to have this work completed during the summer of 2018.

On January 23, 2018, the Manager met with the Farmer's Conservation Alliance (FCA), as well as most of the Member Units and YCWA, to discuss collaborative issues we face on the Yuba River. This meeting also included field trips to the BVID, Cordua/Hallwood and YCWA's fish screens. FCA is looking to establish their presence in California and is a non-profit organization comprised of an executive staff, and the current and prior general manager of the Farmer's Irrigation District on the Hood River in Oregon attended as advisors. This organization has been tremendously successful in securing funds for studies, plans and the implementation of irrigation modernization projects in the Western US. They also specialize in working with regulatory agencies to help overcome bureaucratic roadblocks. During our tour, the advisors concluded that in order to avoid future physical maintenance challenges, as well as obstructions toward permitting, the logical way forward would be to eventually develop a collaborative diversion higher on the Yuba River (likely near Englebright Dam). Although the cost will be unprecedented, they indicated that they have achieved similar, and larger, projects with zero cost to the Districts by involving State and Federal agencies, as well as NGO's, who have mutually benefited. The Member Units are going to discuss this further.

On January 25, 2018, the Manager attended a meeting with YCWA, Paul Bartkiewicz and Steve Grinnell to discuss elements of the YCWA's Bay Delta Settlement proposal. Staff will work with YCWA to schedule a Special Board Meeting in closed session, preferably at YCWA, to discuss the elements therein and how they will affect future operations on the Yuba River.

Henwood and Associates is currently doing the annual maintenance at the VRD Powerhouse.

The Accord capacity payments will be mailed on January 26, 2018.

Staff consulted the Yuba County Treasurer Tax Collector to determine our most recent rate of return which was 1.58% through September 2017 and is projected to be the same through December 2017.

The Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) wants to use the Virginia Ranch Dam for training for a contingent of 50 +/- dam inspectors to instruct on proper dam inspections. The Manager has asked for more information from the ASDSO, and has consulted industry professionals about this request, but is apprehensive due to liability concerns.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Annexation

Staff has secured two additional consent letters from properties that changed ownership after the annexation package was submitted to LAFCO. This did not delay the process.

Cascade Fire

Staff has purchased all materials to begin construction of the replacement flumes. 800 feet of 24" corrugated half pipe was \$11,600 and the supporting steel was \$16,800. We are working with FEMA to ensure this is reimbursed, which looks hopeful.

Staff has also identified 30+ trees on the Finch and Mahle Ditches that were burned and will need to be removed. FEMA has been advised and staff is obtaining three (3) bids, plus an arborists opinion, toward their removal. Staff expects this to be a reimbursable expense associated with the fire.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro

On January 22, 2018, the Manager met with the State Water Resources Control Board to speak with them directly about the California Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF) and to see if the Tennessee Ditch Hydro project would qualify for potential 50% principal forgiveness loans. SWRCB staff were pleased about the project and concurred that it meets most of the eligibility criteria and encouraged the District to apply. Consistent with Board consensus, it is not the Manager's intent to spend additional funds on the project. However, because the District has spent considerable resources on this project, the Manager would be remiss if we did not explore any grant, or loan forgiveness programs that are brought to our attention. Staff will work with NLine energy to determine what resources would be needed for the application (likely < \$2,500) as well as to work with USBR to determine if we can temporarily defer the District's \$1 million grant pending additional funding and return to the Board with more information.

UC / Porter Creek

On January 16, 2018, the Manager authorized MBK to move forward with developing the Initial Statement associated with Porter Creek.

PAST MEETINGS

- 01/19/18 The Manager attended a meeting at CalOES in Sacramento.
- 01/19/18 Director Winchester attended a NCWA meeting.
- 01/22/18 The Manager attended a meeting at SWRCB in Sacramento.
- 01/23/18 The Manager met with the Farmer's Conservation Alliance, Member Units and YCWA.
- 01/25/18 The Manager met with the Member Units and YCWA to discuss the proposed Bay Delta Settlement.
- 01/25/18 The Manager attended a groundwater management workshop at YCWA.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 01/29/18 The Manager will have a teleconference with Legal Counsel to discuss Porter Creek.
- 01/31/18 YCWA Groundwater Sustainability Committee Meeting (GSC) at the Yuba County Government Center at 9:00 AM.
- TBD The Manager will attend an initial meeting with the Accord buyers in Sacramento.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
1. Removed a gearhead from the Redhill Turbine house and it is being sent to Killingsworth for repair.
 2. Completed maintenance on the John Deere 160 excavator and recovered the seat.
 3. Cleared trees on the upper Ellis ditch.
 4. Continued photo documenting burned pipeline services and are repairing what we find.
 5. Operations Manager met with Syblon-Reed concerning Virginia Ranch Dam spillway repair.
 6. Replaced broken mainline valves on the Redhill West, Hawk, and Lone Tree pipelines.
 7. Hauled burned flume debris to Empire Steel in Yuba City.
- FUTURE PROJECTS
1. Flume repair.
 2. Equipment maintenance.
 3. Spray right of ways weather permitting.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence:

- Article from the Sac Bee (sent by Curt Aikens) regarding dam safety.

8. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving the Collins Lake Concessionaire Agreement; Director's Lowe and Woods (Concessionaire Committee) and Ryan McNally, District negotiator(s). Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include specific terms of the Agreement. Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54934.5.

12. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. No action taken.

13. Adjournment: