

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 28, 2016**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the January 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Lowe. Directors Lowe, Bordsen and Woods ayes. Director Winchester and Wheeler absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will receive a presentation from Mead and Hunt regarding the Pumphline Canal Feasibility Study. Discussion only, no action taken.

4. The Board will discuss the “Yuba County Groundwater Community Benefit Act” and the “Yuba County Recharged Groundwater Revenue Distribution” initiatives and take action as appropriate. Tabled, no action taken.

5:45pm President Winchester arrived

5. Discussion of Committee Assignments for the year 2016. President Winchester requested to Table agenda item until Board meeting on February 11, 2016.

6. The Board will discuss the BVID History Book. No action taken.

7. The Board will receive a report concerning the proposed Water Service Agreement with the Yuba County Water Agency. Discussion only, no action taken.

8. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	24,380 AF	49.3%	1,154.5 FT	29.6 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	22,440 AF	46.3%	1,151.8 FT	32.2 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Don Moss has reinstalled the heat exchanger in the generator and it is fully functional. The repair consisted of finding the individual leaks and sealing them with plugs that expand and seal the leaking tubes against the end plates.

Staff has ordered a new battery for the CASIO meter at the VRD. It should be installed on January 29, 2016.

Staff has begun the process of looking for a qualified contractor to facilitate painting the penstock under the dam per FERC requirements. Preliminary estimates are coming in around \$130,000.

DSOD found in their 2015 inspection report that the VRD spillway has moved very slightly and they have requested that the District install a crack monitor to be inspected by staff each month.

Staff has begun the 2016 Budget process and should have preliminary work for the Committee to review in the next two weeks.

YCWA is in the market for a broom attachment for their skid-steer and has shown interest in BVID's attachment if the District is interested in selling it. There is a tentative offer of \$6,000 to purchase it. In 2013, the District paid \$6987.50 for it and has used it one time since. Staff is considering the offer and using the proceeds to offset a mower attachment for the ditch banks.

Staff has asked Beymer Well Service to provide a quote on rebuilding up to three (3) pumps at the river due to substandard efficiency readings. Work will proceed ASAP pending the 2016 Budget process.

Staff has possibly located a 2012 Freightliner truck with just over 200,000 miles on it for \$100,000 (\$20,000 under budget). Staff intends to negotiate a lower price and possibly finalize the deal.

YCWA has advised that because a consensus of the North Member Units was not achieved through the allocation process last year, the agreed upon allocation will not be honored. Absent a consensus, the allocation process will revert to the previous methodology.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Agricultural Water Management Plan

Staff has signed and return the Grant Agreement documents to the State for execution.

Staff has received bids from MBK and Davids Engineering for work surrounding the AWMP process. MBK was chosen due to their extensive knowledge of BVID's operational requirements.

Annexation

Final survey work is complete. Key and Associates are preparing the descriptions.

Conserved Water Transfer

Staff has mailed invoices to Santa Clara Valley and Dudley Ridge for the initial option payment for the 2016 Conserved Water Transfer.

Peoria Pipeline

Staff is preparing to begin installing pipe where the last phase ended near Arrowhead Trail. Easement work is being finalized and work extending south along Township Road will begin as soon as the easements are finalized.

Saddleback Lift pump Electrification

PG&E has passed the panel and conduit installation inspections and it are now ready for County approval.

Website

Website is nearly complete. Staff also intends to setup email accounts for Board members so everybody has the option to have dedicated BVID addresses if they wish to keep District business separate from personal accounts.

PAST MEETINGS

- 01/15/16 The Manager participated in a conference call with YCWA Manager Aikens and Steve Grinnell to discuss the Power Enhancement Agreement.
- 01/20/16 Directors Winchester and Bordsen and the Manager met with YCWA to discuss the Water Supply Contract.
- 01/26/16 Director Bordsen, Counselor Horowitz and the Manager met with YCWA to discuss the Power Enhancement Agreement.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 02/03/16 YCWA Groundwater Management Workshop (9:00 AM).
- 02/04/16 YCWA Water Supply Contract Meeting (9:00 AM).
- 02/23/16 YCWA Power Enhancement Agreement Meeting (9:30 AM) – Staff Only
- 03/02/16 YCWA Power Enhancement Agreement Meeting (9:00 AM)
- 03/04/16 NCWA Annual Meeting – Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

RECENT PROJECTS

1. Built and we are in the process of installing a new gate at the District office property driveway.
2. Completed the necessary maintenance on the KX-61 excavator and the Cat IT-14B loader.
3. Cut back the brush and trees on both sides of the road heading to the powerhouse. It was encroaching on the road and causing the drainage to fail.
4. Rebuilt two services on the Redhill East pipeline and two on the Olive Hill pipeline.
5. Rebuilt a section of driveway on Township road due to a ditch overflowing.
6. Installed the buoy system at Collins Lake.
7. David Powell acquired his commercial driver's license.
8. Passed the PG&E conduit and meter box inspection at the Saddleback Ranch lift pump site.
9. Three employees attended a pesticide continuing education seminar 1/28/16.

FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.
2. Begin the southern section of the Ellis pipeline.
3. Finish the new gate for the District driveway.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: None

10. Correspondence:

- Email dated January 28, 2016 to BVID from Scott Matyac regarding Groundwater Pumping Allocations Process

11. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving BVID's Pre-1914 appropriative water rights; Ryan McNally, District negotiator(s), will negotiate with Yuba County Water Agency for a lease of BVID's pre-1914 water right for power generation purposes. Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include price, terms of payment, or both.

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

13. Adjournment: