

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FRBRUARY 11, 2016**

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 Lowe, Bordsen, Woods and Wheeler. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the January 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Presentation By Board President: In appreciation of Past President's work. President Winchester presented Director Bordsen with a plaque recognizing his term as Board President.

4. Discussion of Committee Assignments for the year 2016. President Winchester handed out a proposed Committee Assignment sheet for review and will be discussed and adopted at the Board meeting on February 25, 2016.

5. Finance Committee Report:

- **Concerning the Financial Report for the month of January 2016.**
Director Bordsen reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of January and found everything to be in order. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the financial reports for the month of January. All ayes, motion passed.
- **Concerning the 2016 Budget.** No action taken

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

7. The Board will consider a Resolution nominating BVID General Manager Ryan McNally to the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 2 Board.

President Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve Resolution 02-11-16-1.

President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Lowe, Winchester, Bordsen, Woods & Wheeler

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Resolution 02-11-16-1 passed

8. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	29,040 AF	58.7%	1,159.8 FT	23.2 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	25,120 AF	50.7%	1,154.7 FT	28.3 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Don Moss is performing the annual maintenance of the powerhouse this week.

Staff has tentatively hired a contractor to facilitate painting the penstock under the dam per FERC requirements. Cost will be around \$60,000, which is markedly less than the original \$130,000 estimate. Because this work is time sensitive, staff has taken steps to facilitate this work in late February, well before the irrigation season. This work was included in the 2015 Budget and is proposed to carry over into the 2016 Budget.

A crack-monitoring device has been installed on the VRD spillway per DSOD's request.

Staff has asked two additional companies 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 finalized a deal on a 2012 Freightliner dump truck with 200,000 miles for \$105,000 OTD. Mr. Dean Wooten inspected the truck for mechanical issues on BVID's behalf Monday, February 9, 2016 and found it to be in good order. Mr. Wooten also confirmed that the 2012 model year would meet emissions requirements permanently.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Agricultural Water Management Plan

Staff has received the executed Grant Agreement documents from the State.

Annexation

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

Peoria / Ellis Pipeline

Staff has begun installing pipe where the last phase ended near Arrowhead Trail.

Water Service Agreement

Legal Counsel has prepared the latest round of comments to present to YCWA, which are included in the Board handouts. The comments address several sticking points including an obligation for YCWA to cooperate with BVID to resolve water rights conflicts, BVID's ability to capture tailwater as well as verbiage to allow for a written authorization to use the base supplies for urban supply in the future. It also better defines the Agency's obligation to "backstop" BVID's 47.2 CFS from storage in the event of curtailments as long as adequate flows are present on the North Yuba River.

During years of drought, the proposal (also distributed as Exhibit E) is to apply shortages to the Base Contract Supply (9,500 AF) only and NOT to the 47.2 CFS. The proposal to apply an equal percentage reduction to the member unit's actual use of the Base Contract Supply over a 12 year rolling average. Staff analyzed the 12-year period and feels that it is acceptable despite an even shorter period being preferential. The 12-year average (2004 – 2015) of BVID's base supply used is 688 AF and the 15-year average (2001 - 2015) is 574 AF.

Interestingly, over 15-years of BVID's total diversions from the Yuba River, the average has been 17,123 AF, which is 7,382 AF less than our 24,505 AF water right. Staff understands that the new Agreement proposes to treat BVID's 47.2 CFS as a block of water opposed to a monthly maximum amount based on daily flows. If that is the case, there is a strong likelihood that the District might not use any of the Base Supply in most years further strengthening our position to supply Yuba River water through even the most challenging conditions.

Although pricing has been proposed by YCWA, BVID has elected to wait until later in the process to discuss our concerns over the rates and associated increases.

PAST MEETINGS

- 02/03/16 Director Winchester and the Manager attended a YCWA Groundwater Management Workshop.
- 02/04/16 Directors Winchester and Bordsen and the Manager attended a YCWA Water Supply Contract Meeting.
- 02/09/16 The Manager met with Josh Horowitz to discuss comments toward the Water Supply Contract.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 02/23/16 YCWA Power Enhancement Agreement Meeting (1:30 PM) – Staff Only
- 03/01/16 YCWA Groundwater Management Workshop (9:00 AM)
- 03/02/16 YCWA Power Enhancement Agreement Meeting (9:00 AM)
- 03/04/16 NCWA Annual Meeting – Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. (10:00 AM)
- 03/05/16 YCWA GSA Kickoff Meeting (10:00 AM)

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

RECENT PROJECTS

1. Built and in the process of installing a new gate at the District office property driveway.
2. Cut back the brush and trees to clear the path at the Upper end of the Lower Ellis pipeline.
3. Rebuilt two services on the Too Handy pipeline.
4. Completed a service installation on Littlefield Drive.
5. Worked with Don Moss on the Yearly maintenance of the Virginia Ranch Dam powerhouse.
6. Began the installation of the Lower Ellis pipeline.
7. Built service locks.
8. Completed the yearly pesticide training for all outside employees.

FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.
2. Finish the new gate at the District office driveway.
3. Complete a main line repair on the Too Handy pipeline.

9. Director's Comments and Reports:

- Director Bordsen reported that Buck Weckman will be attending a future Board meeting to solicit support on Yuba County marijuana issues.

10. Correspondence: None

11. Adjournment: