

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 12, 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 22, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. Directors Winchester, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3.Finance Committee Report:

a.) Director Winchester reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of January and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of January. Directors Winchester, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

b.) Director Winchester reported that the Committee had reviewed the 2015 Draft Budget and recommended that it go to the full Board for consideration at the February 26, 2015 Board meeting.

4. The Board will consider the Notice of Determination for the Saddleback Lift Station. After discussion the Board consensus was for Manager McNally to sign the Notice of Determination and to continue the process.

5. The Board will consider signing an updated signature card for Umpqua Bank to include the incoming General Manager as an authorized signature. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe Winchester, moved to include Manager McNally as an authorized signature on Umpqua Bank account. Directors Winchester, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

6. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST. BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	26,450 AF	53.4%	1,156.5 FT	26.5 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	19,500 AF	39.4%	1,147.0 FT	36.0 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The Virginia Ranch Powerhouse turbine runner has been removed, repaired and repositioned by Don Moss (Henwood and Associates) and several of our crewmembers. The final installation is pending a custom tool being fabricated and should be complete the week of 02/16/2015.

Staff is working with Jeff Coffin of Kleinschmidt to satisfy FERCs requirement for a Dam Safety Coordinator. Operations Manager Tony Ward will fulfill that role with Mr. Coffin serving as BVID's "on demand" engineer.

The SWRCB has ordered the 400 largest pre-1914 water rights holders to produce extensive diversion data by March 6, 2015. This order is unprecedented and may be a first step toward curtailing pre-1914 and riparian water rights. The challenge for BVID is that the YCWA maintains all the data requested and we don't generally receive it until a later date. Fortunately the YCWA has started scheduling meetings so the affected Districts can provide a consistent response.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

The annual option payment invoices were sent to Santa Clara Valley and Dudley Ridge Water Districts for the 2015 Conserved Water Transfer.

Dry Creek Recapture Project

In terms of the permits, Mr. Kienlen of MBK has contacted the SWRCB to get a status update regarding the license amendment for the point of rediversion. The SWRCB has sent it back to their staff for corrections and further addition to the petition package. This amendment is what is needed for the SWRB to also complete the Section 401 certification. Legal Counsel is working on the easements and has ran across several challenges with the Coughlan property. The title report revealed there is another party on the trust which was never mentioned as well as additional liens.

Saddleback Lift Pump

The CEQA "Notice of Determination" has been completed and ready for filing.

PAST MEETINGS

- 01/27/15 The Manager met with the Finance Committee to discuss the 2015 Budget process.
- 01/28/15 Director Bordsen and the Manager met with Curt Aikens and Steve Grinnell to discuss the BVID/YCWA Power Enhancement Agreement.
- 01/28/15 The Operations Manager met with Chuck Wagonseller with ACWA/JPIA for our annual insurance inspection.
- 01/29/15 The Manager attended a FERC Part 12D Training at the East Bay Municipal Utility District in Oakland.
- 01/30/15 The Manager attended a NCWA Strategic Planning Session in Richvale.

- 02/02/15 Director Bordsen and the Manager met with YCWA Directors Tib Belza and Randy Fletcher to discuss the BVID/YCWA Power Enhancement Agreement.
- 02/05/15 The Manager met with the Finance Committee to discuss the 2015 Budget process.
- 02/06/15 The Manager met with Curt Aikens, Paul Bartkiewicz and Steve Grinnell to discuss the BVID/YCWA Power Enhancement Agreement.
- 02/10/15 Director Bordsen met with historical book author Eric Miller for an interview.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- TBD YCWA Member Unit Meeting concerning D-10 Well Mitigation
- TBD Meeting with YCWA, Hallwood and Cordua to discuss the SWRCB request
- 02/17/15 YCWA Member Unit Meeting
- 03/06/15 NCWA Annual Meeting in Chico
- 03/18/15 YCWA Member Unit Meeting

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
 1. Sprayed the weeds on the Arnold, Palmer, Harding, and Thousand Trails ditches.
 2. Held a safety training meeting on the topic of personal protective equipment.
 3. Completed a leak repair on the Lower Main ditch above Browns Valley.
 4. Worked with Don Moss of Henwood Associates to repair the powerhouse generator unit #1 Francis turbine runner. The repair should be complete the week of 2-16-2015.
 5. Tony Ward met with Chuck Wagonseller of JPIA for the Districts annual inspection.
 6. Rebuilt a spill on the Thousand Trails ditch.
 7. Replaced a failed ditch service on the Palomine ditch.
 8. Mechanically cleaned a section of the Lambert ditch.
 9. Seeded the O'Brien and Harding Canal projects.
 10. Cleared the brush and trees around the flumes on the Thousand Trails ditch.
 11. Removed a large fallen tree on the Arnold ditch near Shadow Lane.

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

7. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Bordsen inquired on the status of the pipeline measurement devices that were discussed in 2013. Staff will further explore the option.

8. Correspondence: None

9. 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.

10. Closed Session: The Board in closed session shall **consider the employee evaluation and possible step raise** for a staff member; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

11. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session.

Item #9 – Discussion only, no action taken.

Item #10 - Director Lowe, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve a 3% salary increase effective immediately, another 3% increase effective July 1, 2015, and evaluations and raises annually thereafter for Manager McNally. Directors Winchester, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

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