

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 13, 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 23, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report:

- Director Winchester reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of January and found everything to be in order. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of January. All ayes, motion passed.
- 2014 Budget process, staff to have a final draft for Board consideration at the next meeting. No action taken.

4. The Board will consider the Groundwater Pumping agreements with two landowners. After discussion, Director President Bordsen seconded by Director Winchester moved to approve Groundwater Pumping agreements with Elizabeth Wood and Gary Miller. All ayes, motion passed.

5. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,148.6 ft, which is 34.4 ft below spill. This amounts to 41.6% of storage with 20,620 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with minimal releases to Dry Creek. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,181.2 ft, which is 1.8 ft below spill (97.4% or 48,220 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 3 cfs.

Personnel Activities:

On January 27th, the GM backed into a parking lot light base (concrete) in Sacramento, bending the right rear corner of the plastic bumper. The bumper was pushed back out and the broken reflector replaced.

On January 28th, the ditch tender stepped out of his pickup along the ditch bank, the pickup dropped out of Park and backed up about 70' and into the ditch, with the open driver's door preventing any further damage. The door has been replaced and

painted. Once the door locks are functional, the pickup will be sent to town to have the worn shifter linkage repaired.

On January 30th, a crewmember slipped as he was climbing down from the excavator (in the rain) and sprained his ankle. He remains off work and is due for a reevaluation on February 21st.

On February 4th, the Operations Manager held a safety meeting on the topic of bad weather driving and pesticide safety.

On February 6th, three crew members attended a JPIA class on trenching and excavation safety in Paradise.

On February 10th, the newest crewmember passed his Class A drivers test at DMV.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

We have received the draft water right amendment from the SWRCB. It has been reviewed by MBK, BKS and staff. MBK had a few comments and will work with the SWRCB to get to a final amendment. This goes a long ways toward the much needed permits.

Mead & Hunt is putting final touches on the drawings with the understanding that we will be going to bid as soon as the permits arrive.

Water Transfers 2014:

YCWA informed the Member Units that as of February 7th, there was not enough water in storage to meet just the senior water rights, with the shortage at 40,000 AF. While that condition has improved with the last storm, we are still in a conference year with some senior water right shortage. Even if there are more storms and we are elevated to a Schedule 6 water year, BVID should not expect to receive any significant amount of contract supplies from YCWA.

The District's Conserved Water Transfer becomes doubtful if the diversion deficiencies described above reduce the ability to divert at full capacity from the Yuba River and develop the additional 9 cfs of Conserved Water in Bullards Bar Reservoir. 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 have analyzed the two alternative routes to see if we can effectively get power to either the Browns Valley Substation or the Narrows (Smartsville) Substation. In addition, they looked at the possibility of simply reducing the output at the original site. That analysis has been provided to the Hydro Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) and will be discussed at a future Committee meeting.

Meetings:

Past:

- 01-27-14 I attended the NCWA, Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 01-30-14 I attended the ACWA Board workshop in Sacramento.
- 01-31-14 I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.

- 02-05-14 The GIS/Planner and I had a conference call with the attorney concerning construction easement verbiage.
- 02-07-14 Director Winchester and I attended the YCWA Member Unit meeting in Marysville.
- 02-10-14 The Finance Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met to discuss the draft 2014 Budget.
- 02-10-14 The Drought Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met to discuss possible drought actions that the District might implement for 2014.
- 02-10-14 Directors Bordsen, Winchester, Attorney Horowitz and I attended the YCWA Water Rights Base Supply meeting at YCWA.
- 02-11-14 I participated by phone to the NCWA Dry Year Task Force meeting.
- 02-13-14 The Finance Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met to review the January bills and statements and to discuss the draft 2014 Budget.

Future Meetings:

- 02-14-14 YCWA Member Unit and Groundwater meeting in Marysville.
- 02-19-14 ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 02-19-14 Meeting with Santa Clara VWD and Dudley Ridge WD in Sacramento.
- 02-25-14 JPIA Field inspection of the District.
- 02-26-14 YCWA Water Rights Base Supply meeting at YCWA.

Projects:

Past:

1. Finished mechanically cleaning the Lower Main ditch.
2. Mechanically cleaned the upper end of the Olive Hill ditch.
3. Finished the steel pipe replacement on the Abel pipeline at the Pietz Ranch.
4. Finished the replacement of another steel pipe section at the Little Ranch on the Abel pipeline.
5. Began the replacement of a steel pipe section of the Abel pipeline on the Abel Ranch.
6. Repaired pipeline breaks on the Bald Mountain, Redhill West, and the Wolf Trail pipelines.
7. Replaced a wharf valve on the Wolf Trail pipeline.
8. Rebuilt three services on the Hawk pipeline.
9. Changed the oil at the Saddleback lift pump and the Redhill East pump.
10. Helped to complete the annual maintenance at Virginia Ranch Dam powerhouse.

Future Projects:

1. Finish replacing a steel pipe on the Abel pipeline.
2. Finish cleaning the Olive Hill ditch.

6. The Board will discuss the current dry conditions. The Board discussed current lack of rain and that there were several possible actions that might be taken. However no action taken at this time.

7. The Board will consider the proposal for the 2013 District Audit. Discussion only, no action taken.

8. The Board will consider the employment agreement for the new Assistant General Manager. A motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve the employment agreement for the new Assistant General Manager as submitted. All ayes, motion passed.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Lowe inquired as to the possibility of a pumper supported Conserved Water Transfer and also suggested that the District meet with the rice growers to seek a possible set of actions that would assist the District in the distribution of a short supply of water in 2014.

10. Correspondence:

- Letter dated January 24, 2014 from BVID to Senator Fran J. Pavley regarding SB 848.

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