

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

At 10:00 am President Winchester called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Bordsen and Wheeler. Director Woods and Lowe were absent. Also in attendance was Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Tony Ward.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the February 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen. Directors Wheeler, Winchester and Bordsen ayes. Director Woods and Lowe absent, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Browns Valley Ridge Ad Hoc Committee Report:** Concerning the tentative terms of acceptance for the Browns Valley Ridge irrigation infrastructure. No action taken.

**4. The Board will discuss regulatory requirements relating to BVID’s routine bypass channel maintenance dredging.** No action taken.

**5. The Board will consider adopting Resolution 02-23-17-01 proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to flood waters in the District along the Yuba River and its effect on District infrastructure.** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester moved to approve Resolution 02-23-17-01

President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, and Winchester  
 NOES: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: Woods and Lowe  
 Resolution 03-23-17-01 Passed

**8. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>49,500 AF</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,184.0 FT</b>	<b>-1.0 FT</b>	<b>1,900.0 CFS</b>	<b>938 KW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	30,210 AF	61.0%	1,161.3 FT	21.7 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

The Manager has spoken to several constituents regarding the proposed rate increase and has concluded that a town hall meeting may be appropriate to answer any questions surrounding BVID's operation. Unless the Board opposes, the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the Loma Rica Lion's Club.

In light of the events at Oroville Dam, the District should be prepared for increased scrutiny on the Virginia Ranch Dam. This includes the outcome of the PMF study nearly complete by GEI and how FERC will interpret the findings in relation to the spillway. IN addition, several lawmakers have already begun the process of establishing more rigorous inspection practices on dams and spillways which will presumably create additional costs for the District.

The District received the July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 Power Enhancement Agreement settlement for \$260,950.56.

Staff has authorized Honeywell Energy Services Group to take a preliminary look at the District's utility expense and identify any efficiencies that can be applied accordingly. This study does not encumber the District to any obligation to move forward with any of the recommendations Honeywell may provide.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Annexation**

Staff is preparing the application for submittal. There will also be some procedural steps to notice the affected properties as well as some State Board of Equalization involvement. The estimated fees remaining for LAFCO and BOE are approximately \$20,000.

### **Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project**

PG&E has acknowledged receipt of the interconnection application and is under review.

### **2017 Budget**

Staff is developing the 2017 Budget concurrent with the rate hearing process and expects to have the draft document to Finance Committee prior to the next meeting on March 9, 2017.

### **MOU**

The draft employee MOU was submitted to the Union for final review. The District expects it back any day and plans on ratifying the document at the next Board meeting.

### **Water Supply Agreement**

Legal Counsel has returned the draft documents with edits based on the previous Board meeting. Staff will review and return for submittal to YCWA for consideration.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

02/14/17      The Manager attended the YCWA Board Meeting.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 03/03/17 The annual NCWA meeting at the Sierra Nevada Brewery in Chico.
- 03/07/17 BVID Townhall Meeting surrounding rate increases.
- 03/09/17 YCWA is hosting a Board Member Best Practices seminar at their office in Marysville. **This will count for ethics training that is required every two years.** All Directors are enrolled and should try to attend if possible.
- 03/09/17 The Manager will attend the ACWA JPIA Leadership course in Roseville. The Administrative Services Manager will run the Board meeting that evening.
- 03/10/17 The Manager will attend the ACWA JPIA Leadership course in Roseville.
- 03/16/17 Groundwater Management Workshop at YCWA.

## DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
1. Sprayed the lower end of the Harding Canal, the Palomine ditch, and the Virginia Ranch Dam toe drain areas.
  2. Collected the flow meters from the Pumpline Canal so they can be calibrated and repaired if necessary.
  3. Repaired a washout on Sandy Way that had exposed our pipeline.
  4. Changed the motor oil in the backhoe and the final drive oil on the John Deere 160 excavator.
  5. Removed a fallen tree from the Heintzen ditch above Spring Valley road and removed trees from the Harding Canal.
  6. Completed the B.I.T. inspection for the GMC Topkick dump truck and the two large equipment trailers.
  7. Removed willow trees from a side spill on the B.V.Main ditch at Scott Grant road.
- FUTURE PROJECTS
1. Pour four yards of concrete in a scoured area at the east end of the tunnel at Virginia Ranch Dam.
  2. Try to solve the Pietz leak problems weather permitting.

### **8. Director's Comments and Reports:**

- Director Bordsen commented that the YCWA and Yuba County BOS meeting dates have changed to 2 meetings a month.

### **10. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated February 10, 2017 to BVID from MBK Engineers regarding 2017 Fee Schedule
- E-mail dated February 13, 2017 to BVID from Bartkiewicz, Kronick and Shanahan regarding ACWA Proposal for Amending Prop 218

### **13. Adjournment:**