

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 26, 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, Lowe and Woods. Also in attendance were Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: Tom and Vanetta Hale @ 9223 Stacey Anne Dr inquired about the availability of irrigation water for the 2015 season.

3. The Board will consider raising the threshold for requiring three (3) signatures on checks from \$4,500 to \$7,500. No action taken for lack of motion

4. The Board will consider offering the ACWA/JPIA Employee Assistance Program (EAP). A motion by President Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to offer the Employee Assistance Program to BVID employee's at the Districts expense. All ayes, motion passed.

5. The Board will consider authorizing a comparative District compensation study. No action taken. To be reconsidered at a future meeting.

6. The Board will consider the draft 2015 Budget and take action as appropriate. A motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to accept the 2015 Budget as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

7. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

| DATE | REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME | % | LAKE ELEVATION | DIST. BELOW SPILL | RELEASES | GEN OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------|
| TODAY | 27,340 AF | 55.2% | 1,157.6 FT | 25.4 FT | 1.0 CFS | 0 KW |
| 1 YEAR AGO | 21,040 AF | 42.5% | 1,149.2 FT | 33.8 FT | 1.0 CFS | 0 KW |

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The Virginia Ranch Powerhouse turbine runner has been repaired, reinstalled and tested by Don Moss (Henwood and Associates) and several of our crewmembers.

Legal Counsel and MBK are coordinating a response to the SWRCB order which has compelled the 400 largest pre-1914 water rights holders to produce extensive diversion

data by March 6, 2015. Staff met with YCWA, Hallwood and Cordua Irrigation Districts to ensure conformity and our attorney is drafting a memo to the SWRCB to accompany the data which points to the findings of RD-1644.

Staff is working with Printworx in Yuba City to revive the BVID newsletter. They have a professional on staff who can produce it as well as take care of the mass mailing as part of their final cost.

Staff has received a proposal for "on call" engineering services from Bennett Engineering Services. Their specialty is project management, rate studies, operational troubleshooting, strategic planning, as well as design engineering for wells, water storage, water distribution, pump stations, grading and drainage. Staff provided one of their engineers with a tour of the Dry Creek Recapture project several months ago and quickly saw the value of having a District engineer available on a "T&M" basis. This is a first step in exploring that option.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Groundwater Substitution Program

The District has started participating in a series of workshops to determine the most equitable way to allocate pumping to each District. To date, the consensus is to recognize the aquifer zones as the top priority before dividing up the water between districts. Once the zones are determined, there are several options to allocate the water including gross acreage, irrigated acreage or surface water applied.

Pumpline Canal Repair

The District has begun repairing the leaky section of the Pumpline Canal near what is known as the "Gee Ranch." The pipe is onsite and excavation work has started. The crew has encountered several sections of rock that need to be removed. It is estimated that this repair will conserve 3 to 5 cfs when complete.

Dry Creek Recapture Project

Staff and Legal Counsel are continuing to work on the easements. Permitting is still held up at the SWRCB, which is in turn holding up the Section 401 Certification.

Saddleback Lift Pump

The CEQA "Notice of Determination" has been published in the Territorial Dispatch for public review.

Tennessee Creek Hydro

Matt Swindle with NLine Energy contacted staff regarding some alternatives for the Tennessee Creek Hydro project which can help mitigate some of the interconnection costs. Their solution is to leverage a smaller output (less Kw) with available grant funds. The next step would be to get a proposal from NLine to see if their analysis would result in a viable project.

PAST MEETINGS

- 02/17/15 Director Bordsen and the Manager attended a YCWA Member Unit Meeting.
- 02/20/15 The Manager met with Randy Fletcher, Jeff Maupin and John Fleming to discuss collaborations and grant fund opportunities.
- 02/23/15 Director Bordsen and the Manager attended a YCWA Member Unit Webinar.
- 02/25/15 The Manager attended a District 10 landowners meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 03/06/15 NCWA Annual Meeting in Chico
- 03/12/15 YCWA Member Unit Meeting
- 03/18/15 YCWA Member Unit Meeting
- TBD Member Units to meet with DWR to begin pricing negotiations.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
1. Sprayed the weeds on the Arnold, B.V. Main, Cade, Finch, Mahle, Sicard, and Thousand Trails ditches.
 2. Completed a leak repair on the Olive Hill Ditch.
 3. Removed fallen trees on the Sicard, Lambert, B.V.Main, and Olive Hill ditches.
 4. Completed the 90 day B.I.T. inspection of the dump truck and equipment trailers.
 5. Continued work on the Pumpline Canal leak at the Gee Ranch.
- FUTURE PROJECTS
1. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.
 2. Complete the yearly maintenance at the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse.
 3. Finish the Pumpline Canal leak repair at the Gee Ranch.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None

6. Correspondence: None

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