

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 27, 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, Assistant Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 13, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved after correction to item 8 on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report:

- President Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve a 4% water rate increase for 2014 with the intent to forgo a 2015 increase. Director Wheeler aye, Director Woods aye, Director Lowe aye, and President Bordsen aye. Director Winchester opposed. Motion passed.
- After discussion the board agreed to have the office staff come up with billing statement and past due procedures. No action taken.
- Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the 2014 Budget as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

5. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,149.4 ft, which is 33.6 ft below spill. This amounts to 42.8% of storage with 21,180 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with minimal releases to Dry Creek. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,181.3 ft, which is 1.7 ft below spill (97.6% or 48,270 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 3 cfs.

The final Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) study done by GEI has been published and has been sent to FERC for their acceptance.

Personnel Activities:

The new Assistant General Manager started on February 24th and is being kept very busy learning the District.

On February 26th, the Operations Manager held a safety meeting on the topic of the Global Harmonizing System (GHS). This is a program that is to replace the way Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), placards, and all other information concerning chemical safety are organized and identified. This system is to help people of all languages understand what a material is and how to deal with it.

We are experiencing a problem with tenant water users acting as landowners when they fill out the Irrigation Application. Without the actual landowner signing the Application, it becomes difficult to lien the property in the case of a delinquent water bill. We may need to develop a District policy to confirm ownership when the Application is filed, i.e., the grant deed.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

MBK has provided a comment letter to the SWRCB concerning requested edits to the draft amendments for the new point of diversion petition.

Cordua Request to Redefine Accord Pumping Zone 1 Boundaries:

Cordua's request to alter the boundary of Pumping Zone 1 for the Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer pumping was presented to the Accord Technical Committee. The YCWA groundwater consultant did not concur with Cordua's logic for the requested change and Cordua has requested more time to redevelop their justification for the requested change.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Electric Project:

Covered under an agenda item.

Meetings:

Past:

- 02-14-14 Director Winchester and I attended the YCWA Groundwater and member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 02-18-14 I participated in the conference call with Mead & Hunt to coordinate the electrical design for the Dry Creek Recapture project.
- 02-19-14 I attended and presented the Redhill East Hydro Powered Pump to the ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 02-19-14 I met with Dudley Ridge WD and Santa Clara VWD concerning the thin possibility of a Conserved Water Transfer in 2014.
- 02-21-14 The Hydro Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met to discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project options.
- 02-25-14 The Assistant Manager and Operations Manager met with Chuck Wagoner (JPIA) to inspect the District's infrastructure.
- 02-26-14 Directors Bordsen, Winchester, Lowe, Attorney Horowitz (by phone) and I attended the YCWA Water Rights Base Supply meeting at YCWA.

Future Meetings:

- 03-05-14 IRWMP Core Group meeting in Marysville.
- 03-11-14 NCWA Dry Year Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-12-14 YCWA Member Units meeting at YCWA.
- 03-13-14 YCWA Water Rights Base Supply meeting at YCWA.
- 03-13-14 Finance Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) meeting to review the February bills and statements.

Projects:

Past:

1. Mechanically cleaned the mid-section of the Olive Hill ditch.

2. Completed the replacement of a steel pipe section of the Abel pipeline on the Abel Ranch.
3. Began an audit of the McDrip pipeline.
4. Detailed (cleaned) the inside of the powerhouse and wheel house at Virginia Ranch Dam.
5. A crewmember that was off on workers' compensation has returned to work with no limitations.
6. Repaired a break on the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline.
7. Sprayed weeds at the District yard.
8. Updated the employee pull notice program software with DMV.
9. Recovered 150 feet of 36 inch diameter aluminum pipe from the old Upper Main ditch.

Future Projects:

1. Finish cleaning the Olive Hill ditch.
2. Repair the flumes on the Thousand Trails ditch upstream of Marysville Road using the recovered pipe from the Upper Main ditch.

5. Hydro Committee Report: Concerning the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project. Discussion only, no action taken.

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. A Drought Committee meeting was scheduled for March 4, 2014. No action taken at this time.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: President Bordsen inquired as to the possibility of a solar feasibility study for the District.

8. Correspondence:

- Letter dated February 10, 2014 from DWR to BVID regarding fee increases effective 7-1-14 of the safety of dams program.
- Invitation from NCWA on March 14, 2014 regarding "Managing Water In Challenging Times"

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