

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 10, 2016**

At 5:00 pm President Winchester called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Lowe, Bordsen, and Wheeler. Director Woods absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Winchester and Lowe ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

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

4. The Board will consider the 2016 Budget and take action as appropriate. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to accept the 2016 Budget as presented. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Winchester and Lowe ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

5. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	41,660 AF	84.2%	1,174.4 FT	8.6 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	27,700 AF	56.0%	1,158.0 FT	25.0 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The penstock under the dam is currently being painted per FERC requirements. This was intentionally timed to occur before the 2016 Irrigation Season due to the need of minimal condensation on the penstock. Unfortunately, should the lake spill during this time, the District will not be able to generate hydropower while the work is being completed. Staff expects the work to be complete no later than 03/21/2016.

On March 1, 2016 the Manager attended a Groundwater Workshop Meeting at YCWA to discuss the groundwater basin and the impact its health has on a Groundwater

Substitution Transfer in 2016. As of the meeting, the North and South sub basins had not recovered to levels preceding 2015, and further pumping would result in historical lows. Based on that information, in 2016 the Member Units elected to rest the basin, but have agreed to readdress the concept in April after the storms may or may not have restored their health. This information was relayed to the State Water Contractors group and a follow-up meeting was scheduled in April as well.

The Manager attended the YCWA GSA Kickoff Meeting at Yuba County. This established the Advisory Committee to the YCWA Board concerning their role as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Agency. The Committee consists of 20+ local stakeholders, including Districts, Cities, the County and other municipal suppliers. Staff will include a consideration to assign a Board member to this Committee to represent BVID at the next Board meeting.

Staff expects to take delivery of the dump truck on March 16, 2016.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Annexation

Key and Associates has completed the survey component and staff is now working to begin the application process.

Agricultural Water Management Plan

Staff filed a notice with Yuba County to advise of our intent to prepare the Agricultural Water Management Plan pursuant to Water Code Section 10821(a).

Conserved Water Transfer

Staff has requested YCWA review the draft Agreement for Temporary Storage of Transfer Water for the 2016 Conserved Water Transfer. The verbiage is the same as the 2015 Agreement.

Pricing for the Conserved Water Transfer has not been formally discussed but staff intends to do so within the next week.

Peoria / Ellis Pipeline

Staff has installed just over 600 feet of pipeline from Arrowhead Trail heading south.

Sicard Ditch

Staff met with Mr. Ratliff to discuss terms of the proposed easement. In consideration of the easement, Mr. Ratliff is requesting service(s) off the pipeline and a yet undetermined monetary figure to facilitate the work to restore irrigation to the areas that will dry up because of abandoning that section of ditch as well as filling in the ditch itself. We expect the process, including negotiations, to continue without significant delays.

PAST MEETINGS

02/26/16 The Manager conducted an all hands staff meeting.

- 02/29/16 The Manager had a conference call with DWR to discuss the Dry Creek Recapture closeout.
- 03/01/16 The Manager attended a YCWA Groundwater Management Workshop.
- 03/02/16 Director Bordsen, the Manager and Counselor Horowitz attended a YCWA Power Enhancement Agreement Meeting.
- 03/02/16 The Manager attended the first 2016 Yuba Accord Groundwater Substitution Pricing Negotiation.
- 03/04/16 Director Winchester and the Manager attended the NCWA Annual Meeting in Chico.
- 03/07/16 The Manager and Director Bordsen met with YCWA Directors Randy Fletcher and Tib Belza.
- 03/08/16 The Manager met with Mr. James Ratliff to discuss the Sicard Ditch project.
- 03/09/16 The Manager attended a YCWA GSA Kickoff Meeting at Yuba County.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 03/11/16 BVID History Committee Meeting (12:00 PM)
- 03/17/16 Meeting to discuss the BVID/YCWA Water Service Agreement (10:00 AM)

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
- 1. Continued the installation of the Lower Ellis pipeline.
 - 2. Removed downed trees from the Sicard and Heintzen ditches.
 - 3. Three employees attended a pesticide continuing education seminar in Chico.

- FUTURE PROJECTS
- 1. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.
 - 2. Finish the new gate at the District office driveway.
 - 3. Continue work on the Lower Ellis pipeline.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence:

- Letter dated March 4, 2016 from DWR to BVID regarding fee increases on the Dam Safety Program
- Letter dated March 10, 2016 from BVID to Yuba County Supervisors regarding Ag Water Management Plan.

8. 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.

9. Open Session: President Winchester reconvened the meeting back into open session to report on any action taken in closed session. Discussion only, no action taken.

10. Adjournment: