

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 27, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester. 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 March and found everything to be in order. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of March. All ayes, motion passed.

4.Drought Committee Report: Concerning the Drought Committee meeting of March 4th, 2014.

- Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve a lift station and pipeline project at Iowa City Rd and Fruitland Road to serve O'Brien Ranch from the pumpline to unload Collins Lake during dry years. All ayes motion passed.
- President Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester moved to approve up to 150 acre feet of water to APN 003-060-040-000 for the prune orchard with the understanding that they cannot have water prior to VRD being started for the regular irrigation season. And subject to future adjustments.
- For 2014 new irrigation services are limited to 1 unit, no irrigation water increases to existing customers and we will be operating in the same fashion as 2009. (Water will be on full-time but water users must keep water on their property. i.e. no spill)

5. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,161.4 ft, which is 21.6 ft below spill. This amounts to 61.2% of storage with 30,280 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with minimal releases to Dry Creek. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,181.9 ft, which is 1.1 ft below spill (98.9% or 48,810 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 240 Kw with releases of 43.8 cfs.

The FERC five year, Part 12 D inspection will take place next week on Tuesday and Wednesday and will include an inspection of the penstock gallery.

Personnel Activities:

The Assistant General Manager will be at a Debris Management class in Maryland all of next week.

A crewmember stepped into a depression while out in the field and over-extended his knee. He is off work and will be reevaluated next week.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

The SWRCB is asking for an operational plan for this project to demonstrate how we plan to stay within the guidelines of the water right amendment.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Electric Project:

The consultants are preparing the Fast Track Interconnection Study application study to PG&E.

Meetings:

Past:

- 03-04-14 Director Winchester attended the River Valley Bank Drought meeting with a presentation by David Guy (NCWA).
- 03-04-14 The Drought Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met to discuss possible dry year actions.
- 03-04-14 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Board conference call to consider the Region 2 Issue Forum at the Spring ACWA Conference. It will be titled "Where is the Dam Storage?".
- 03-05-14 The Assistant Manager attended JPIA classes on Electrical Safety, Evaluations and Injury and Illness prevention.
- 03-05-14 I attended the Yuba IRWMP core group meeting.
- 03-06-14 The Assistant Manager attended a JPIA class on Positive Discipline.
- 03-11-14 The Assistant Manager and I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Board conference call to discuss details for the Region 2 Issue Forum at the Spring ACWA Conference.
- 03-11-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the NCWA Dry year Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-12-14 Directors Winchester, Lowe, the Assistant Manager and I attended the YCWA Member Units meeting at YCWA.
- 03-13-14 Directors Winchester, Lowe, Attorney Horowitz (by phone), the Assistant Manager, and I attended the YCWA Water Rights Base Supply meeting at YCWA.
- 03-13-14 The Finance Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met to review the February bills and statements.

Future Meetings:

- 03-14-14 NCWA Annual meeting in Chico.
- 03-17-14 NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.

03-18 and 19-14 FERC Part 12D Inspection of Virginia Dam.

03-20-14 YCWA Groundwater workshop at YCWA.

03-21-14 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Paradise.

Projects:

Past:

1. The Operations Manager met with Gary Cantwell (Yuba County Environmental Health) for the District's yearly inspection.
2. The Operations Manager met with Wade Eldridge of the California Highway Patrol for the bi-annual BIT inspection. The District dump truck is good for two more years.
3. Continued to audit the McDrip pipeline.
4. Installed 120' of 36" pipe on one of the upper Thousand Trails flumes.
5. Completed cleaning the Olive Hill ditch.
6. Repaired a pipeline break on the Benatar pipeline.
7. Performed maintenance on the banks of the BV Main, Olive Hill, and the Lower Main ditches.
8. Walked the lower Thousand Trails ditch, removed debris and cleaned services.
9. Sprayed a section of the Pumpline canal.
10. Repaired the radio, door, lower windshield and serviced the Cat 307 excavator.
11. Replaced the worn No Parking signs at the Virginia Ranch Dam spillway.
12. Built a walkway for the Pumpline canal at the Cahoon pipeline diversion to access the screen and keyway.

Future Projects:

1. Repair the flumes on the Thousand Trails ditch upstream of Marysville Road using the recovered pipe from the Upper Main ditch.
2. Spray ditches weather permitting.

6. The Board will consider the proposal for the 2013 District Audit. After discussion a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Winchester was to accept a one year term with Blomberg & Griffen Accountancy Corporation with a three year option. All ayes, motion passed.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence:

- Letter dated February 21, 2014 from Territorial Dispatch regarding the ability to publish legal notices.
- Letter dated March 4, 2014 from JPIA to BVID regarding Liability, Property And Workers' Comp Risk Assessment.

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