

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 14, 2013**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 28, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

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

4. Request from a landowner for a discounted pipeline connection fee: After discussion the Board direction to staff is to consult with the attorney as to the options that are available to the District with respect to this property.

5. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,181.9 ft, which is 1.1 ft below spill. This amounts to 98.9% of storage with 48,990 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 240 Kw with releases of 45.8 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,172.0 ft, which is 11.0 ft below spill (79.39% or 39,300 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 3.0 cfs.

Due to the very dry/warm weather, the irrigation system was turned on Monday and will be turned back off Friday afternoon.

Staff Activities:

The crewmember that was on an illness related leave of absence has returned to work and is doing well.

The Operations Manager and the Lead man attended part one of two of the Cal OSHA 10 Hour Course at Western Canal WD.

Cal ISO:

We received verification of the name plate data on the PG&E current transformers, but not the Voltage Transformers for a required Cal ISO document. We may have to de-energize the line and have PG&E climb the power pole for those photos

BVID's Yuba River Power Enhancement Agreement:

Paul Bartkiewicz and Curt Aikens have a meeting scheduled with a contingent from PG&E on March 28 at BKS on this matter.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

Yuba County has informed us that the Tsi-Akim Maidu have discovered the remains of a large village site and had it registered. This may mean that the tribe monitors the construction activities and can require avoidance measures, at an additional cost to the project.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project:

To be covered as an agenda item.

Winter Water Contract:

Nothing new to report. YCWA is working on contract amendments.

Meetings:

Past:

- 03-01-13 Director Winchester, the GIS/Planner and I attended the NCWA Annual meeting in Chico.
- 03-05-13 The GIS/Planner and I met with Kursten Sheridan (Cal Fish & Wildlife) and Marcus Bole (Bole and Associates) for a Stream Alteration Permit tour of the wet areas along the Dry Creek Recapture Project and to see the debris filled head of the Pumpline Bypass Channel.
- 03-06-13 The Operations Manager and I met with Mike Bailey (Yuba County Public Works) to begin the easement process through Sycamore Ranch campground for the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 03-06-13 I attended the Yuba Accord Buyers meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-07-13 The Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met concerning the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 03-08-13 I participated in a conference call with Cordua ID and Hallwood IC concerning the YCWA contract amendment concerning SBX7-7 compliance.
- 03-13-13 I attended the very last Ag Water Management Council meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-14-13 I attended the Accord member Unit meeting at YCWA concerning a possible groundwater substitution transfer.
- 03-14-13 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the February bills and statements.

Future Meetings:

- 03-19-13 ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.

03-21-13 YCWA Groundwater Workshop at YCWA.

03-22-13 Yuba Accord Water Purchase meeting in Sacramento.

Projects:

Past:

1. Continued work on the ditch bank widening project on the Pumpline Canal along Fruitland Road.
2. Repaired a break on the Wolf Trail, Valley of the Eagles, Peoria, Rancho Loma Rica, and the Redhill East pipelines.
3. Rebuilt the intake on the Bonanza pump.
4. Completed several change orders.
5. The Operations Manager passed the annual Agricultural Department inspection of pesticide records, policies, storage, training, and spray equipment.
6. Worked with Steve Beymer to install the second unit at Redhill East. There is more work to be done.
7. Removed a large tree from the BV Main ditch at Ray Hoxworth's.
8. Installed a new ditch service on the Palomine ditch.
9. Repaired a coolant leak on truck #7.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Continue ditch cleaning.
3. Finish Pumpline bank widening.

6. Hydro Committee Report: After discussion the direction to staff is to; 1) Contact the landowners in the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project area concerning the acquisition of construction easements, 2) Contact the County to determine if there are any zoning requirements and, 3) Work with the consultants to prepare a presentation for a request for funding assistance and to make funding requests from potential funding sources.

7. Amendment to Contract Between the Yuba County Water Agency and Browns Valley Irrigation District Providing for Water Service: Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen moved to approve the Amendment to Contract Between the Yuba County Water Agency and Browns Valley Irrigation District Providing for Water Service. All ayes, motion passed.

8. Agreement for Option to Make Annual Purchases of Conserved Water: After discussion Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve the Agreement for Option to Make Annual Purchases of Conserved Water, allowing for small immaterial edits only. President Lowe, Directors Bordsen, and Woods voted aye. Directors Winchester and Wheeler opposed. Motion passed.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: President Lowe discussed the need for the District work on the backlog of pipeline easements that need to be researched, surveyed, prepared, signed and recorded. It was suggested that a part time person be brought in to facilitate this process.

10. Correspondence:

- Letter from the ACWA Region 2 Board to ACWA concerning retaining storage in the 2014 Water Bond.

11. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, President Lowe adjourned the meeting.