

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 14, 2019**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods. Directors Woods, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for February 2019. 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. Directors Woods, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

4. The Board will discuss 2019 equipment surplus and purchasing. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to approve the Supplemental Equipment Report as submitted. Directors Woods, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

5. The Board will consider adopting Resolution 03-14-19-01 in support of the Manager applying for the California Agricultural Leadership Program. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve the Resolution 03-14-19-01. President Wheeler then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Wheeler, Woods & Bordsen
 NOES: none
 ABSTAIN: none
 ABSENT: Director Lowe
 Resolution 03-14-19-01 Passed

6. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	49,500 AF 100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	136.0 CFS	1,036 KW
1 YEAR AGO	49,100 AF 99.2%	1,182.0 FT	1.0 FT	0.0 CFS	1,020 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

At the request of Mr. Charlie Mathews, staff has further explored a possible connection between the Pumpline Canal and the Cordua Canal as a method of moving more water under Highway 20. However, because much of the restriction is well beyond the highway and further downstream, the work as detailed in the Pumpline Canal Capacity project is a necessary and a more cost effective measure to be taken.

The vacancy left by Director Winchester's passing has left a vacancy on the NCWA Board. Because BVID has the largest vote in our precinct, it is worth proposing that if one of the BVID Directors are interested, it may be worthwhile to move forward as it would be a simple appointment process.

Staff has constructed a steel weed rack on the Pumpline Canal on the upstream side of Highway 20. The approach angle is enough to allow for debris to be pushed up onto the rack, opposed to against it. It will also serve as a protective means for people and animals that may have fallen into the canal (pictures attached).

Staff has nearly completed printing and mailing the first batch of invoices for the 2019 irrigation season.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

On 03/13/2019, the Manager spoke with Cindy Kao of Santa Clara Valley Water District and they advised they will not be looking for transfer water this year, and will instead concede their half of the 3,100 af to Dudley Ridge Water District is they are in the market for water.

Division 5 Director Appointment

On 03/05/2019, the Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss the criteria and advertisement strategy for recruiting an appointee for the Division 5 vacancy. It was decided that a narrative advertised on the website, Facebook page and several locations around the District would be preferred. The narrative was advertised as such, including physical postings at the Gold Eagle Market, the Loma Rica Store, Garbarinos Deli, and the 76 Station.

As of this report, one applicant has come forward.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Staff is developing an RFP for engineering work related to the Sicard Pipeline project for the Agency to consider for funding.

Virginia Ranch Dam

Staff has reviewed and commented on the 2018 DSSMR drafted by Kleinschmidt.

Yuba River

Staff has confirmed that the diversion channel was inundated during the high water of recent storms, but the extent of damage remains unknown.

PAST MEETINGS

- 03/01/19 The Manager attended the annual NCWA meeting in Chico.
- 03/05/19 Ad Hoc Committee meeting to discuss the Division 5 vacancy.
- 03/07/19 The Manager met with Mike Filice and Al Lassaga in Marysville to discuss the Yuba River Voluntary Settlement Agreements.
- 03/13/19 Staff conducted interviews for the vacant Utility Worker I position.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 03/15/19 Mountain Counties Water Association meeting with Randy Fletcher at the El Dorado Irrigation District in Placerville.
- 03/26/19 First Aid training at the BVID office.
- 03/27/19 Groundwater Management Workshop at YWA.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

In the last few weeks we have reviewed almost 100 job applications and resumes to fill the vacant Utility Worker 1 position, 20 were selected for phone interviews. After phone interviews were conducted, 6 were chosen for “face to face” interviews on the 13th.

Winter equipment maintenance has continued, the small equipment trailer needed replacement of wheel bearings and seals. The digging bucket for the 331 excavator was completely rebuilt, and the wear bars were replaced on the 36” bucket for the JD160.

During routine ditch inspections, several large trees were found fallen across the Thousand trails ditch. Any obstructing branches were cleared, we will need to return with larger equipment for complete removal.

Crew has begun construction of the new weed rack for the Hwy 20 pump line crossing. Due to the physical size, most of the steel fabrication will need to be done on site. This project should be completed by the end of the week.

With drier weather in the forecast, it will be possible to gain access to the Thousand Trails ditch to complete the flume repairs. Also with dry conditions, we will be able to begin the spray program for the 2019 season. We have received three applications for new service installation, those will be installed before water season begins.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence: None

9. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving the water right on Porter Creek with Ryan McNally, District negotiator(s). Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include specific terms of negotiations. Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54934.5.

10. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. Discussion only, no action taken

11. Adjournment: 5:42PM