

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
APRIL 11, 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 March 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 March and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of March. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. The Board will consider the Scope of Work for Browns Valley Irrigation District Tennessee Ditch Hydropower Project Phase 2a Services.** Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen moved to approve Tennessee Ditch Hydropower Project Phase 2a Services with costs not to exceed \$9,000.00. All ayes, motion passed.

**5. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,182.6 ft, which is 0.4 ft below spill. This amounts to 99.7% of storage with 49,340 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 175 Kw with releases of 39.4 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,183.2 ft, which is 0.2 ft above spill (100% or 49,500 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with spills of 145 cfs. The generator was started on April 12, 2013.

**Annual Water Billing Update:**

As this newly revised process moves forward, we have already learned that the first statement cycle is too early. The first statements, instead of going out the first of April, should wait until after the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for prepayment discounts. This will move the statement mailing dates to May, July and September. As it was, we sent out over 840 statements last week. If we had waited until May, the number would have been much smaller.

**Staff Activities:**

The Operations Manager and Lead man attended an OSHA training meeting put on by JPIA in Richvale on April 2, 2013.

**Cal ISO:**

In preparation for the de-energizing of the power to the powerhouse, PG&E did a field survey of the Voltage Transformers to locate their boiler plates. Those boiler plates could not be seen and PG&E suspects that the plates are either missing or faded away and feels that de-energizing the line may not be productive. PG&E is instead, reviewing as-built drawings and other source documents to glean the data that is needed for Cal ISO.

**BVID’s Yuba River Power Enhancement Agreement:**

There are two very good pieces of news here; 1) YCWA’s Manager, Curt Aikens has convinced PG&E to agree to the original terms of the power enhancement agreement and 2) Curt has found a way to charge both Paul Bartkiewicz and Steve Grinnell’s time to PG&E so there will be no charges to the District for this matter. We have also received the draft YCWA/PG&E agreement from PG&E and it has the correct terms in it.

**Yuba County Loma Rica Road and Cross Star Trail Improvement:**

The Cal Fish & Wildlife manager is in approval of our proposed rerouting of the McDrip pipeline as part of this project. We will need to survey the route for the new easement across the State’s property.

**Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

The pre-petition application meeting at the SWRCB left (MBK and me) cautiously optimistic. Because this is a fish friendly project, we should be able to file a petition for a new point of rediversion that is not “noticed” and also carry a higher processing priority than other petitions. We will however, need to include an Operations and Monitoring Plan in that petition.

**Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project:**

Covered under an agenda item.

**Winter Water Contract:**

Nothing new to report.

**Meetings:**

**Past:**

- 03-29-13 I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-29-13 I attended the YCWA Groundwater Workshop at YCWA.
- 04-02-13 I participated in the Conserved Water Transfer pricing conference call.
- 04-02-13 I participated in the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project conference call.
- 04-09-13 The Operations Manager met with CDF for a yearly fire safety inspection.
- 04-09-13 I attended the SWRCB pre-petition meeting for the Dry Creek Recapture Project in Sacramento.
- 04-09-13 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.

04-11-13 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the March bills and statements.

**Future Meetings:**

04-16-13 Jerry Mallory to install a kilowatt hour meter on the Upper Main Pump.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Repaired a break on each of the Rancho Loma Rica, Peoria, and McDrip pipelines.
2. Began the water season.
3. Completed several change orders per the Office Manager's request.
4. Removed a blockage on the Arnold ditch where a willow root ball stopped the ditch flow.
5. Removed a deceased cow and a dog from the trash rack at the head of the BV Main siphon on Spring Valley Road.
6. Repaired a breach of the Thousand Trails Ditch near Los Verjeles Road.
7. Set up the Pumpline Canal for summer flows.
8. Installed three pressure gauges at the Upper Main pipeline pump station and began a study of the pressures and flow readings.
9. Completed a brake job and oil change on truck #4.

**Future Projects:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Continue ditch cleaning.
3. Clean fish screen channel.

**6. The Board will discuss and consider the "Supplemental Statements of Water Diversion and Use" letter** from MBK Engineers dated February 11, 2013. Discussion only no action taken.

**7. The Board will consider the Agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Water From Browns Valley Irrigation District to Santa Clara Valley Water District and/or Dudley Ridge Water District Water Service.** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve the agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Water. All ayes, motion passed.

**8. The Board will consider the Agreement for Temporary Storage of Transfer Water Between Yuba County Water Agency and Browns Valley Irrigation District.** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester moved to approve the agreement for the Temporary Storage of Transfer Water. All ayes, motion passed.

**9. Director's Comments and Reports:** None

**10. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated February 11, 2013 from MBK Engineers to BVID regarding Supplemental Statements of Water Diversion and Use.
- Letter dated April 8, 2013 from NCWA to SWRCB regarding Current Status of Phase 2 Update of the Bay Delta Water Control.

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