

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 11, 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, Woods, Lowe and Maslan. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the March 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for March 2019. Director Bordsen reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of March and found everything to be in order. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the financial reports for the month of March. All ayes, motion passed.

4. The Board will discuss the 2019 Irrigation Season. After discussion, the 2019 irrigation season will begin on April 19, 2019.

5. The Board will consider approving Director Maslan and Administrative Services Manager Springsteen as authorized signatures for Tri-Counties Bank. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods to change authorized signatures on all accounts at Tri Counties Bank. All ayes, motion passed.

6. The Board will consider approving Director Maslan and Administrative Services Manager Springsteen as authorized signatures for Umpqua Bank. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to change authorized signatures on all accounts at Umpqua Bank. All ayes, motion passed.

7. The Board will discuss nominations to replace Director Winchester on the NCWA Board of Directors. No action taken.

8. The Board will consider authorizing the Manager to execute a Caltrans Utility Agreement for the relocation of 5,620 feet of pipeline associated with the Highway 20 Realignment project. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to authorize the General Manager to execute the Caltrans Utility Agreement. All ayes, motion passed.

9. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.8 FT	-0.8 FT	125.3 CFS	1,034 KW
1 YEAR AGO	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.2 FT	-0.2 FT	0.0 CFS	1,031 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Beginning 04/08/2019, staff had begun reinstalling spill boards in preparation of the 2019 Irrigation Season. Because the lake continues to spill, the Manager authorized water to be allowed into the ditches as soon as they were ready to accommodate a “soft start.” On 04/11/2019, water was allowed into the Harding, Thousand Trails, Ellis and McDrip networks.

On 04/09/2019, at around 2:00 PM, staff discovered that three (3) of the four (4) pumps at the river were running. DSO McNeal advised that as of 1:30 PM the previous day they were not running. It appears that somebody had purposefully switched them on. They also sabotaged the oiling mechanisms to allow oil to leak out while running. Fortunately, there does not seem to be any damage to the pumps, but staff will keep an eye on them. Running the pumps also caused the pond to run dry, indicating that the fish screen is plugged.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

The Manager and Dale Melville (Dudley Ridge Water District) are working with DWR to develop a long-term strategy toward delivering transfer water in years when there is no capacity at the Delta. The strategy would be to transfer water to buyers in Napa and Solano counties, who would then transfer their SWP “Table A” water to Dudley Ridge and Santa Clara Valley. This concept is currently being discussed by DWR’s legal team

Sicard Pipeline Project

As of 04/04/2019, the Sicard Pipeline (and Pumpline Canal) projects are included in the Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), which, per YWA, was the final requisite before taking the project in front of YWA’s POD Committee. Staff is preparing a follow-up letter to present the project, however is waiting for the design proposals to return on April 19, 2019 because they will be included in the estimate. Staff expects to return to YWA the week of April 22, 2019.

The draft letter is attached for Board review.

UC Porter Creek

Legal counsel is developing a response to the University’s 02/22/2019 letter.

Virginia Ranch Dam

Per FERC, BVID is required to do a “Functional EAP Exercise” prior to September 30, 2019. These occur every five (5) years and staff has budgeted \$5,000 for that work. Our EAP consultant, however, has submitted a proposal that identifies \$5,500. This is in addition to the usual \$2,500 she charges us for our annual EAP update. It should also be noted that a full reprint is due next year so she included that as an optional line item in case we wanted to complete it this year. The Manager’s plan is to adhere to the original schedule and complete that work in 2020 since we have several other major FERC reports due this year. Notwithstanding any objections, the Manager intends to authorize the functional exercise and annual EAP update for \$8,000 to begin that process.

Yuba River

Staff is keeping a watchful eye on the river levels to find a window to go maintain and clear the fish screen in preparation of “flood up.” It is unknown what the river levels will be through the Spring.

PAST MEETINGS

- 03/29/19 Several crewmembers attended JPIA Defensive Driver training at the Yuba Water Agency in Marysville. (*Shrader, McNeal, Kugelman, Schlitzer*)
- 04/04/19 The Manager attended a groundwater sustainability committee meeting in Marysville.
- 04/04/19 The Manager attended an IRWMP Committee meeting in Marysville
- 04/04/19 The Operations Manager attended a 2 hour webinar to fulfill required training on harassment in the workplace.
- 04/10/19 The Operations Manager met with Karl Brustad for a field visit to the proposed Sicard Pipeline route.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 04/17/19 Groundwater sustainability committee meeting in Marysville (the Manager will participate by teleconference).
- 04/17/19 IRWMP Committee meeting in Marysville (the Manager will participate by teleconference).
- 04/23/19 The Manager and Operations Manager will be meeting with Wayne Edwards for the independent Owners Dam Safety Program audit as required by FERC.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Staff has completed three new pressurized service installations, staff has also manufactured and installed two ditch service boxes to repair existing damaged services.

We have officially begun our spray program for the 2019 season.

Staff has started work on piping a leaky section of ditch on the Ellis. This work should be completed by the end of this week.

As of Monday April 8th the DSO has been putting side spills back in place for the irrigation season. The original thought was to capture some runoff and spill water for a soft start to the season. Since the weather forecast has now changed, we are preparing for a full start up.

Staff was able to gain access to the last remaining flume needing complete repair from the Cascade fire.

This flume has been demolished and construction of the replacement will start this week and should be completed by late next week.

As the 2019 irrigation season gets underway, staff will continue with the spray program as well as mechanically removing debris where needed. With the amount of rain this year, weed abatement will be an ongoing task for much of the season.

10. Director's Comments and Reports: None

11. Correspondence:

- Letter dated March 27, 2019 from DWR to BVID regarding 2019 Fee Increases

12. Adjournment: 5:28PM