

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
APRIL 25, 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, Bordsen, and Woods, Director Winchester was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the April 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were approved after amendment to item #4 on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. The Board will discuss and consider the April 18, 2013 letter from Adam Tullett Livestock.** The board discussed with Mr. Tullett that as long as he was irrigating efficiently and his ag return flows are flowing in a natural drainage there is no problem with his continued irrigation operations. No action taken.

**4. Hearing of appeal from decision to impose minor employee discipline:** Written reprimand of Kenneth Hugg related to missing truck keys (Article V, Section 11, Memorandum of Understanding Between Browns Valley Irrigation District and Operating Engineers Local Union #3). Tabled.

**5. Closed Session regarding public employee discipline/dismissal/release;** Government Code sections 54954.5(e) and 54957. Tabled

**6. Open Session:** The Board will report any action taken in closed session. No closed session.

**7. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,180.9 ft, which is 2.1 ft below spill. This amounts to 96.7% of storage with 47,900 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 760 Kw with releases of 100.8 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,182.8 ft, which is 0.2 ft below spill (99.8% or 49,420 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 1,040 Kw with releases of 125 cfs.

The new kilowatt hour meter has been installed on the Upper Main Pump. We will be taking weekly readings.

**Staff Activities:**

The Office Manager participated in the JPIA Health Care Reform Update webinar on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Cal ISO:**

PG&E provided source documents of the VT's. There is some confusion at Trimark as to the completeness of the photos and documents of the CT's and VT's. Assuming the data provided is complete, Trimark will be working on the documents needed for Cal ISO.

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

YCWA will be considering both the PG&E/YCWA and the BVID/YCWA Power Enhancement Agreements at their May 14th Board meeting. PG&E will still need to go through their signing process but this is almost complete.

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

The pipe and fittings for this project are on order and work will begin as soon as it arrives.

**Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

We have received the legal descriptions of the easements from the surveyor and will be meeting with land owners beginning tomorrow. Also, the marked up Prop 204 grant contract is back at DWR for their input.

**Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project:**

We have met with Cal Fish and Wildlife (formerly known as DFG) concerning easements for this project and received a positive response. There are hoops to jump through but having the local approval is a major step in the right direction.

**Winter Water Contract:**

YCWA has determined that increases to winter water contracts will have implications for project operations. The next step is to meet to discuss the related issues such as dry year operations, fall diversions, and relicensing. This meeting will be scheduled for the latter half of May at the next Accord MU meeting.

**Meetings:**

**Past:**

- 04-12-13 I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 04-12-13 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 04-23-13 I attended the River Diverters meeting at YCWA.
- 04-23-13 I met with PG&E Service Planning concerning the Saddleback Lift Pump.

**Future Meetings:**

- 04-26-13 Yuba County Public Works concerning easements for the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 04-30-13 ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.
- 05-06-13 JPIA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 05-07 thru 05-10-13 ACWA Spring Conference in Sacramento.

05-14-13 YCWA Board meeting (Yuba River Power Enhancement agreements).

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Repaired a breach at the old Quintana Ranch on Loma Rica Road.
2. Mechanically cleaned the Yuba River Fish Screen Bypass Channel.
3. Repaired leaks on the Hill Road, Wolf Trail, Rancho Loma Rica, Peoria, and McDrip pipelines.
4. Pulled the fish screen brushing system apart and completed a thorough maintenance which included wheel replacement, greasing bearings, and chain and cable retensioning.
5. Rebuilt the Redhill East upper pump and the Marcia pump and installed them.
6. Repaired a leak on the Palmer ditch.
7. Replaced two ditch services on the BV Main ditch.
8. Sprayed the BV Main ditch.

**Future Projects:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Continue ditch cleaning.
3. Begin the Cross Star Trail project.

**8. The Board will consider the proposal for the Annual Audit.** Tabled

**9. The Board will consider Amendment No. 4 to the Lower Yuba River Accord Agreement for the Conjunctive Use of Surface and Groundwater Supplies.** Director Bordsen, seconded by President Lowe moved to approve Amendment No. 4 Lower Yuba River Accord Agreement. All ayes, motion passed.

**10. The Board will consider Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement Between Yuba County Water Agency and Browns Valley Irrigation District Making Water Available for Power Production.** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve Amendment No. 1 Agreement Making Water Available for Power Production. All ayes, motion passed.

**11. The Board will consider adjusting the May Board meeting dates.** President Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to change the May board meeting dates from May 9, 2013 and May 23, 2013 to May 16, 2013 and May 30, 2013.

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

**11. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated April 15, 2013 from NCWA to Gary Bardini / DWR regarding the departments role in water transfers.

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