

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 25, 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, Maslan and Woods. Director Lowe absent. Also in attendance were General Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen. Operations Manager Shrader absent.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the April 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen. Directors Maslan, Bordsen, Woods and Wheeler ayes, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum:

- Dave Pietz of Township Rd Browns Valley addressed the Board regarding multiple water leaks that he has had on his property for several years.

3. The Board will consider a request for an additional service at the District’s expense at 4978 Fruitland Road. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Maslan to install an additional service at no charge at 4978 Fruitland Rd. Directors Maslan, Woods and Wheeler ayes, Director Bordsen opposed. Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

4. 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	52.9 CFS	322 KW
1 YEAR AGO	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	48.2 CFS	260 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The 2019 Irrigation Season officially began on 04/19/2019.

Consistent with the annual startup, the crews have been responding to and repairing various leaks and breaks throughout the District.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

DWR has given informal support to allow a transfer to Solano County Water Agency, who would then relinquish 3,100 acre-feet of their “Table A” water to Dudley Ridge Water District. Staff is working to negotiate a price with Dudley Ridge and YWA is reviewing the request to move water prior to August 1, 2019.

Sicard Pipeline Project

The RFP for engineering work on the Sicard Pipeline project came in at just under \$510,000. That amount is being included in the request to YWA.

Virginia Ranch Dam

Staff is preparing for the Part 12D inspection next week and has retained North Tree Fire to perform the confined spaces supervision. GEI plans to perform a prescribed wall thickness testing of the penstock a day before the inspection begins.

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.

The Member Units are considering submitting an application to YWA (and other possible grantors) to fund a feasibility study that will explore constructing a penstock from the Narrows powerhouse to each of the diversions to eliminate the need for river diversions via the IRWMP. There has been some question of who should be the lead agency on that request and BVID was mentioned. While I have no philosophical opposition to that idea because it will be a group effort, this request will go against the Agency’s current position that they would not fund such study. I have suggested that we apply formally as a group (it would be a group project regardless, but the IRWMP application is asking for one lead), but if that will not work the Board will need to consider if BVID is comfortable being considered the “lead.”

PAST MEETINGS

- 04/17/19 The Manager attended a groundwater sustainability committee meeting in Marysville by teleconference.
- 04/17/19 The Manager attended an IRWMP Committee meeting in Marysville by teleconference.
- 04/23/19 The Manager and Operations Manager met with Wayne Edwards for the independent Owners Dam Safety Program audit as required by FERC.
- 04/24/19 The Manager and Administrative Services Manager met with Katy Blakemore of Tri Counties Bank.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 04/30/19 GEI will be conducting a required penstock thickness test per FERC, with the assistance of North Tree Fire for confined spaces support.
- 05/01/19 – FERC Part 12D Inspection at the Virginia Ranch Dam.
- 05/03/19
- 05/06/19 – The Manager will be at the ACWA Conference in Monterey. The Manager will not be present at the 05/09/2019 Board meeting.
- 05/10/19

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

The upper district began the “soft start” to the irrigation season, ditches began filling on Friday the 12th and most of the district had water by Monday the 15th. Operations staff repaired several failures that occurred during the first week. Major repairs were located on the Hill Road line, the McDrip, Dry Creek Lane, the Ellis pipeline, and the Peoria Ridge line.

The last flume that needed replacement on the west side of Marysville Road has been completed. After the Cascade fire this flume was band aided together just enough to make it through an irrigation season.

The Pumpline DSO has begun setup for water deliveries to the lower district. It is possible that customers will be ready for water deliveries early next week.

Upcoming repairs include; replacing a rotted out culvert pipe on the South Ditch, repairing a leaky main line valve on Stonehedge, and the repair of a leaking valve on the Mahle pipeline. Weed abatement will continue with spraying and mechanical removal of vegetation.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None

6. Correspondence: None

7. 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.

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

9. Adjournment: 6:17 PM