

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MAY 10, 2018**

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 Woods and Winchester, Directors Lowe and Bordsen absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the April 26, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Winchester. Directors Winchester, Woods and Wheeler ayes, Director Bordsen and Lowe absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum:

- Harry Holland of Sicard Flat Rd, Browns Valley complimented staff for quick response to water shortage.
- Charlie Mathews thanked the district for serving out of district customer Louise Ahart
- Dan Ford of Dry Creek Ln, Browns Valley asked questions regarding the 2017 Cascade Fire, status of the Dry Creek Recapture Project and wants to meet with Manager McNally regarding becoming a volunteer at BVID.

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for April 2018. Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of April and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve the financial reports for the month of April. Directors Winchester, Woods and Wheeler ayes, Director Bordsen and Lowe absent, motion passed.

4. The Board will consider Resolution 05-10-18-01 to amend the District procurement policy for certain projects subject to Federal grants. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve Resolution 05-10-18-01. President Wheeler then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Wheeler & Woods
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Directors Lowe & Bordsen
Resolution 05-10-18-01 Passed

6. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	49,180 AF	99.4%	1,182.2 FT	0.8 FT	98.6 CFS	727 KW
1 YEAR AGO	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	79.7 CFS	615 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On 05/01/2018, Operations Manager Tony Ward announced his planned retirement date of July 24, 2018. The Manager is currently evaluating options for succession training and is going to begin that process as soon as possible, considering the current heavy workload.

On 05/03/2018, staff received a call from Lizzy Wood regarding alleged leakage from the Pumpline Canal. She asserted that she has lost years’ worth of production from the “10 acres” of land otherwise rendered unusable by the canal leaking and creating a wetland on the eastern edge of her property on Iowa City Road, and is “not going to allow it any longer.” The Manager and Operations Manager visited the site and observed a very well delineated wetland populated by mature trees. The area is clearly lower than the surrounding area, and is separated from the rice field to the immediate west by a very well developed road. Upon inspection, the remaining water was being drained by a single small trash pump which seemed to be very effective in removing it. It was hard to determine if the water was from the canal (which had only been charged three (3) days prior) or from groundwater and/or accumulation of rainfall. Furthermore, the Operations Manager recalled a project in the 1990’s when Wood’s husband insisted an engineered triple spill be removed from that site to eliminate a natural drainage that drained into Ahart Slough. The drainage was very apparent in a 1969 aerial photo found by the Technical Services Manager. At the site visit, the Manager and Operations Manager observed a clearly defined channel that runs from the northeast to the southwest that is overgrown with Cottonwood and Willow trees consistent with the 1969 photograph. Mr. Ward advised that the wetland area had been there for decades, if not more. The area in question is approximately 3.5 acres. The Manager spoke with Ms. Wood and although he committed to keeping any eye on the area as best the District can, he did not commit to any repairs due to the factors described above.

Staff is currently getting bids for the required updated inundation map work due by January 1, 2019. Staff expects this work to be in the \$50,000 to \$60,000 range and is required by both DWR and CalOES. This work will need to begin ASAP to meet the target deadline and is a budgeted item.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Accord / Groundwater Substitution Transfer

On 05/01/2018, the Feather River seller's group, which includes Cordua Irrigation District lowered their price for transfer water from \$450/AF to \$400/AF.

On 05/03/2018, the Manager met with the Accord Executive Committee at the Rue Ranch to discuss Accord water pricing in response to the Feather River group had reducing their price. The Committee voted unanimously to match that price. YCWA notified DWR that the Yuba Accord water would be \$400 per acre foot for 2018. The next step is to see how much of the 62,000 AF offered will be purchased. The final call date for that is May 15, 2018.

Conserved Water Transfer

On 05/07/2018 the Manager met with Dudley Ridge Water District Manager Dale Melville to discuss 2018 pricing for the Conserved Water Transfer. The tentative agreed upon price is \$390 per acre foot.

Senate Bill 88

On 04/30/2018, the Manager had a conference call with MBK to discuss updates toward the SB 88 compliance process:

- Tennessee Creek – Proposing to invoke an alternative compliance method since it's such a small amount of water. Likely to install a device just before Tennessee Ditch joins Tennessee Creek and another at the diversion; the difference between the two would be considered Tennessee Creek water.
- Upper Main – Proposing to install a mag meter on the pipe upstream of the pump.
- Sicard Flat Ditch – Still developing.
- Virginia Ranch Dam – If SCADA can record hourly time stamps of the canal flow, all that would remain is creek flows to develop a plan for.
- Yuba River – Already in compliance due to YCWA's infrastructure.

Virginia Ranch Dam

On 04/27/2018, Syblon Reid submitted to BVID a cost estimate for performing a camera inspection of the spillway drains as required by FERC. The estimate came within the budgeted amount of \$15,000 and is under review by Jeff Coffin at Kleinschmidt (BVID's dam safety engineer). If acceptable to Mr. Coffin, the Manager intends to issue a notice to proceed ASAP.

PAST MEETINGS

- 04/30/18 The Manager had a conference call with MBK to discuss progress toward SB 88 compliance.
- 05/03/18 The Manager met with the Accord Executive Committee at the Rue Ranch to discuss updated Accord pricing.
- 05/03/18 The Manager and Operations Manager met at the Iowa City Ranch to discuss alleged leakage from the Pumpline Canal.
- 05/07/18 The Manager attended the JPIA Board meeting at the ACWA conference in Sacramento.
- 05/07/18 The Manager attended the Yuba Accord 10 year anniversary celebration in Sacramento.
- 05/08/18 The Manager met with the Dudley Ridge Water District to discuss CWT pricing at the ACWA conference in Sacramento.
- 05/09/18 The Manager met with NLine Energy at the ACWA Conference in Sacramento.
- 05/09/18 The Manager met with Scott Matyac at the ACWA Conference in Sacramento.
- 05/09/18 The Manager met YCWA Chairman Brent Hastey at the ACWA Conference in Sacramento.
- 05/10/18 The Manager met with Marc Van Camp of MBK at the ACWA Conference in Sacramento.
- 05/10/18 The Manager attended a meeting discussing the Bay Delta Plan and unimpaired flows as proposed by the SWRCB at the ACWA Conference in Sacramento.
- 05/10/18 The Manager attended a “SGMA and Water Transfers” seminar at the ACWA conference in Sacramento.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 05/14/18 Meeting to discuss the Conserved Water Transfer with YCWA General Manager and Director Brent Hastey. Directors Bordsen and Woods are planning to attend with the Manager at YCWA (1:00 PM).

- 05/15/18 YCWA Board Meeting (9:00 AM)
- 05/16/18 Groundwater Sustainability Committee meeting at the Yuba County One Stop (9:00 AM).
- 05/16/18 Meeting with Jerry Quinn (2:00 PM)
- 05/23/18 Annual meeting with ACWA JPIA to inspect various District facilities (10:00 AM).

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

RECENT
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1. Installed a new service on Stern Lane and a service on the Peoria pipeline.
2. Repaired a break on the Peoria Pipeline, Mahle Pipeline, Too Handy Pipeline, Wolf Trail Pipeline and the Lone Tree Pipeline.
3. Sprayed the groin areas of the Virginia Ranch Dam.
4. Replaced the trailer hitch on the small equipment trailer.
5. Completed some yard maintenance at the District office.
6. Completed many service calls and change orders.

FUTURE
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1. Spray right of ways weather permitting.
2. Install two new services.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence:

- Letter dated May 1, 2018 from Operation Manager Ward to General Manager regarding his retirement on July 24, 2018.
- Letter dated May 1, 2018 from BVID to Charlie Mathews regarding out of district water.

8. Adjournment: