

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MAY 15, 2014**

At 5:15 pm President Bordsen called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Winchester, Lowe, Woods and Wheeler. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter, Assistant Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

At the request of the General Manager Agenda Items 5 & 6 were moved up to after Public Forum.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the April 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Hydroelectric Committee Report: Concerning proposals to implement renewable solar electricity. Referred back to Hydro Committee after presentation and discussion for future consideration.

4. The Board will consider the Agreement to Grant Temporary and Permanent Easements for Construction and Operation of Water Pipeline with Elisabeth Wood.
A motion by Director Winchester to accept the Agreement and Easement as presented, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

5. Finance Committee Report: Tabled

6. Executive Committee Report:

- A: **Concerning the District moving forward with the Annexation Process.**
Discussion only, no action taken.
- B: **Consider sending the Assistant Manager to the Bay-Delta Tour presented by the Water Education Foundation from June 18 – 20, 2014.** Board consensus was that this is a worthwhile tour and that Asst Manager McNally should attend.

7. The Board will consider Amendment No. 5 to the Conjunctive Use Agreement between the Yuba County Water Agency and Browns Valley Irrigation District.
Amendment accepted by a motion from President Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

8. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,164.7 ft, which is 18.3 ft below spill. This amounts to 67% of storage with 32,960 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is now running at 490 Kw with releases of 75.2 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,177.4 ft, which is 5.6 ft below spill (90.1% or 44,400 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 580 Kw with releases of 80.1 cfs.

The District started the delinquent payment lockup process this week. There were 23 water users that we locked up because of out of date contact information and another 69 that had yet to pay for their water. During this process, we found two water users that removed the service locks and altered/removed their orifice plates. They have been sent fines (per the Rules and Regulations) for the water that they took (stole) without authorization.

Staff Activities:

One of the crew members has contracted Lyme disease and it appears to be a work related issue.

State Water Resources Control Board:

The SWRCB issued a notice of a proposed emergency rulemaking on water right curtailments due to insufficient flows for diversions from Mill, Deer and Antelope Creeks. This rule will be considered/adopted at the May 20th SWRCB meeting.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

No action since the last Board meeting.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Electric Project:

The consultants and PG&E are discussing possible routings to get to a workable interconnection solution.

Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer:

The process to allocate the pumping quantities amongst the member units (including Cordua ID) is still not resolved. Cordua continues to claim that the allocation process does not treat them fairly. In addition, farmers in District Ten have indicated that they feel that there should not be any pumping in the north basin this year. No pumping start date has been set until YCWA gets a handle on how the expected SWRCB Notices of Curtailments might affect the ability to transfer water.

Meetings:**Past:**

- 04-28-14 The Assistant Manager and I met with Chevron Energy concerning a possible solar project.
- 04-28-14 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.
- 04-29-14 The Assistant Manager and I met with Jeff Maupin (North Yuba WD) in Oroville to discuss the New York Flat Dam project.
- 04-30-14 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee follow up conference call.

- 05-01-14 Directors Winchester, Bordsen, the Assistant Manager and I participated in the north basin member unit meeting at YCWA.
- 05-05-14 I attended the JPIA Board meeting in Monterey.
- 05-06-14 I attended the ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Monterey..
- 05-6 through 9-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the ACWA Conference in Monterey.
- 05-13-14 The Executive Committee (Directors Bordsen & Lowe) met concerning annexation and a possible Bay-Delta tour.
- 05-13-14 The Hydro Committee (Directors Bordsen & Lowe) met concerning a possible solar project.
- 04-15-14 Directors Lowe and Winchester, the Assistant Manager and I attended the YCWA member unit meeting in Marysville.
- 04-15-14 Directors Bordsen, Lowe and Winchester, the Assistant Manager and I attended the YCWA north basin member unit meeting in Marysville.

Future Meetings:

- 05-16-14 Assistant Manager to attend the NCWA Future Water Leaders Class in Sacramento.
- 05-21-14 Yuba River IRWMP meeting in Marysville.
- 05-22-14 Prop 204 Grant Amendment meeting in Sacramento.
- 05-29-14 Finance Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) meeting to review the April paid bills and statements.

Projects:

Past:

1. Replace a cracked drive pulley on the Saddleback lift pump.
2. Weed abatement completed at the Arnold ditch, Pumpline Canal, Sicard ditch, Powerhouse area and the Upper Main pipeline fixtures.
3. Completed many shutoffs due to non-payment.
4. Installed a measuring device in the Sicard ditch on the south side of Scott Forbes road on the UC Field Station property.
5. Removed buoys from Collins Lake.
6. Rebuilt a service on the Palmer ditch.
7. Repaired main line breaks on Stonehedge Drive, Redhill East, Valley of the Eagles, Hill Road, Peoria and the Ellis pipelines.
8. Repaired a large leak in the bank of the Pumpline Canal and removed several willow tree limbs.
9. Replaced the time clock at the Marcia pump.

Future Projects:

1. Spray ditches weather permitting.
2. Repairs on the Abel, Sandy Way and Hill Road pipelines.

3. At the request of the former landowner, remove and repair the water meter on the Williams – Bassett groundwater substitution well.

9. Concerning the current drought conditions. No action taken.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Lowe commented that the ditch that feeds his property is dry at least one day a week.

9. Correspondence:

- Memo dated May 12, 2014 from Manager Cotter regarding Activities at the Spring 2014 ACWA Conference.
- Memo dated May 12, 2014 from Asst Manager McNally regarding Activities at the Spring 2014 ACWA Conference.

10. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, President Bordsen adjourned the meeting.