

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MAY 25, 2017**

At 5:00 pm President Winchester called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler. Director Woods absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Winchester, Lowe ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

- Concerning the Financial Report for April 2017. Director Bordsen reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of April and found everything to be in order. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the financial reports for the month of April. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Winchester, Lowe ayes. Director Woods absent, motion passed.
- Concerning the PERS Unfunded Liability. Discussion only, no action taken.

**4. The Board will discuss the administrative service fee as it relates to customers with multiple, non-adjointing parcels and may take action as appropriate.** President Winchester appointed Directors Bordsen and Lowe to an Ad Hoc Committee.

**5. The Board will discuss the report from GEI surrounding the spillway capacity at the Virginia Ranch Dam.** Discussion only, no action taken.

**6. The Board will discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric Project 50% Design Report.** Discussion only, no action taken.

**7. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	49,460 AF	99.9%	1,182.9 FT	0.1 FT	80.6 CFS	596 KW
1 YEAR AGO	46,010 AF	92.9%	1,179.1 FT	3.9 FT	68.2 CFS	399 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Legal Counsel advised that after seven (7) months of inactivity from the University of California regarding the assertion of their right to 12 miner's inches of water free of charge, they have retained outside Counsel and are continuing to push the issue. Despite the assumption the issue was abandoned, staff will continue to search for more resources and background information to solidify our position that the issue is null and void by virtue of BVID's operational practices. Staff will work with Counsel and develop a strategy to report to the Board at a later date.

On May 17, 2017, staff met with Davids Engineering to discuss BVID's estimated crop and use history to help them further develop a comprehensive groundwater model for the Yuba County Water Agency.

Staff is working with both Kleinschmidt and GEI to prepare a response to FERC regarding the study required at the spillway as well as the report itself. Staff is also requesting they be onsite for our June 28, 2017 FERC inspection to participate in our Spillway PFMA brainstorming session, field inspection as well as begin some work inspecting scour potential for the spillway.

The Manager attended a teleconference with Farmer's Conservation Alliance after a brief meeting at ACWA. Their services surround irrigation modernization which includes a comprehensive efficiency study for irrigation districts as well as the development of a capital improvement plan that includes innovative ways to reduce costs and increase revenues, as well as find the funding to implement the projects. They currently do not do business in California but are considering it if enough Districts show interest.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Yuba River Diversion Maintenance**

Jerry Quinn is preparing a grant application for the District to apply for FEMA hazard mitigation funds to extend the diversion channel further east and eliminate the channel that runs perpendicular to the river.

### **Senate Bill 88**

Staff is working with MBK to continue developing the implementation plan toward compliance at each of the District's diversion points. The District has not heard back on the extension of time request so we are currently submitting routine status reports to the SWRCB.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 05/17/17 The Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with Davids Engineering to discuss the groundwater model for YCWA.
- 05/18/17 The Manager met with Jeff Coffin at Kleinschmidt via telephone to discuss developing a strategy for addressing FERC's VRD focus study requirement.
- 05/18/17 The Manager met with Josh Horowitz via telephone to discuss the University of California's assertion it is entitled to 12 miners inches free of charge from BVID.
- 05/23/17 The Manager, Operations Manager and Administrative Services Manager met with ACWA JPIA for an annual risk assessment meeting.
- 05/23/17 The Manager and Operations Manager met with Jerry Quinn to discuss the FEMA projects.

- 05/24/17 The Manager met with Morgan Read and Don Eckstrom to discuss operations at their ranch in Loma Rica.
- 05/24/17 The Manager met with MBK via telephone to discuss the ongoing permitting process for the Dry Creek Recapture and develop a strategy to request an administrative change for the point of diversion to be at the Pumpline Canal, as well as SB 88.
- 05/24/17 The Manager met with the Farmers Conservation Alliance by teleconference to discuss innovative modernization ideas for irrigation districts.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 06/01/17 The Office Staff will attend a webinar to explore several software solutions, primarily focusing on work orders for work completed in the field.
- 06/02/17 The Manager is attending YCSO’s Grand Opening “Open House” for their new facility in Marysville.
- 06/05/17 Member Unit Meeting to discuss the groundwater issues and to hear a briefing on delta issues and the work being completed by BKS (BVID partially funds this work).
- 06/08/17-06/09/17 The Manager will attend the ACWA/JPIA Leadership Course in Roseville.

**DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

- RECENT PROJECTS
1. Completed a large list of water change orders.
  2. Installed a service on the Thousand Trails ditch, McDrip pipeline, Palmer ditch, and the Benetar pipeline.
  3. Repaired a section of pipe on the Lone Tree pipeline, a break on the Sandy Way pipeline, a leak on the Spring Glen extension, a break on the Hill Road pipeline, a break on the Too Handy pipeline, a break on the Mahle pipeline, and a break on the Ellis pipeline.
  4. Repaired a hydraulic leak on the Bobcat 331 excavator and replaced the positive battery cable on the Kubota KX-121-3 excavator.

- FUTURE PROJECTS
1. Continue to spray the ditches depending on the weather.
  2. Repair three leaks on the Hill Road pipeline, and one leak on the Sandy Way pipeline.
  3. Yard maintenance at the District yard.

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

**9. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated May 15, 2017 from MBK to BVID regarding Executive B-37-16
- Letter dated May 19, 2017 from Water Audit CA to BVID regarding records request

**10. Adjournment:**