

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MAY 29, 2014**

At 5:00 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.

*A personnel issue needing attention concerning a temporary employee came up after the Agenda was posted. Therefore the General Manager is requesting to add a Closed Session agenda item #10 . A motion by President Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester moved to approve an additional agenda item. All ayes, motion passed.*

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the May 15, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Finance Committee Report:** 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. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. Request by Landowner:** Concerning a request for demand water from Collins Lake. John Drew (Saddleback Ranch) requested the ability to order 1 CFS from time to time from the Olive Hill Ditch during the drought. Board consensus that since this was 90% reduction from normal year operations on that ditch that the request was acceptable.

**5. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,162.1 ft, which is 20.9 ft below spill. This amounts to 62.2% of storage with 30,780 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Lake is dropping about 0.2 feet per day. The Generator is now running at 495 Kw with releases of 79.9 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,175.2 ft, which is 7.8 ft below spill (85.6% or 42,380 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 545 Kw with releases of 77.95 cfs.

The Sicard ditch has long been a leaky ditch but this year, those leaks have gotten so bad that it is now difficult to keep enough water in the ditch to make it the 9.7 miles to the end of ditch. The worst section is near the head of the ditch that was at one point in time, lined with a (now failed) very thin layer of gunite. A long term fix is needed and may end up being some sort of a lining.

There are 38 water users that are still locked up because of out of date contact information or have yet to pay for their water.

**Pumpline Canal:**

We have hit the point where demand for reflood water has exceeded Pumpline canal delivery capacity and have fields of unflooded rice lands waiting for water.

**Staff Activities:**

Our upper District Ditch Tender and Powerhouse Operator decided to retire and provided the District with zero days notice. We are now in a situation of needing very high level of distribution management, due to the drought, with a low level of staffing to manage the Collins Lake service area. The District will need to develop a job description and then place an ad for a replacement ditch tender.

In preparation for this year's pipeline projects, we hired two temporary employees to be laborers.

Also, the District is suffering losses in both ice (3 – 20 pound bags over last weekend) and gasoline (130 gallons last month).

**State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB):**

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the SWRCB adopted legally-binding emergency regulations to limit diversions from Antelope, Deer and Mill Creeks, which are located near Chico. The SWRCB also heard proposals by their staff for possible curtailments throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin watershed. As a result of that workshop, on the watershed-wide issue, the SWRCB will probably send curtailment notices for post-1914 appropriative water rights in the next week or so and also may consider adopting emergency curtailment regulations in the near future.

**Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

In order to get the design of this project finalized, the Assistant Manager and I met with Mead and Hunt to nail down the metering and pumping criteria. We also met with DWR to 1) request an extension of the Prop 204 grant to 2016 and 2) adjust the Grant budget to reflect the increased costs of permitting. I have also provided a draft term sheet to Axel Karshoei's point of contact for the pipeline easement/agreement through his property.

**Tennessee Ditch Hydro Electric Project:**

PG&E has released the results of the latest Initial Review (interconnection study) for this project. The Hydro Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) will meet to review and discuss.

**Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer:**

We are unsure if process to allocate the pumping quantities amongst the member units (including Cordua ID) is resolved or not. Cordua has not acknowledged its acceptance of YCWA's proposed allocation, even though the three Accord member units have. In order to address concerns about pumping by District Ten, the north member units have developed a draft plan that should avoid any impacts to them. The draft plan is part of the Board packet.

**Meetings:****Past:**

- 05-15-14 The GIS/Planner attended a GIS Users Group meeting in Sacramento.
- 05-19-14 The Assistant Manager and I met with Mead and Hunt to discuss pumps and metering for the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 05-20-14 Directors Winchester, Bordsen, the Assistant Manager and I participated in the north basin member unit meeting at YCWA.
- 05-21-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the Yuba IRWMP meeting in Marysville.
- 05-21-14 The Assistant Manager attended the NCWA Board/Dry Year in the Sacramento Valley meeting in Sacramento.
- 05-22-14 Directors Winchester, Bordsen, the Assistant Manager and I participated in the north basin member unit meeting at YCWA.
- 05-22-14 The Assistant Manager and I met with DWR in Sacramento concerning the Prop 204 Grant for the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 05-27-14 Director Bordsen, the Assistant Manager and I met with Tony Galyean (Attorney) and James Ratliff to tour a possible “lower road” near the head of the Sicard ditch.
- 05-28-14 The Assistant Manager, GIS/Planner and I met with Yuba LAFCO concerning the upcoming annexation.
- 05-29-14 The Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and (alternate) Wheeler) met to review the April paid bills and statements.

**Future Meetings:**

- 05-30-14 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 05-31-14 Browns Valley Post Office Sesquicentennial Celebration by Director Bordsen.
- 06-02-14 Yuba IRWMP core group meeting at YCWA.
- 06-02-14 ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.
- 06-05-14 ACWA Energy Committee, legislative subcommittee conference call.
- 06-10-14 NCWA Dry Year Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 06-11-14 CVP Long Term Transfer EIS/EIR meeting in Sacramento.
- 06-12-14 Finance Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) meeting to review the April paid bills and statements.

**Projects:****Past:**

1. Completed many reconnects due to late payment.

2. Weed abatement completed on the Lower Main ditch.
3. Worked plugging leaks on the Sicard ditch.
4. Rebuilt a service on the Palmer ditch.
5. Repaired a main line break on the Wolf Trail pipeline.
6. Repaired a large leak in the bank of the Pumpline canal.
7. Received the pipe for the O'Brien Lift Pump pipeline.

**Future Projects:**

1. Spray ditches weather permitting.
2. Repairs on the Abel and Sandy Way pipelines.
3. Begin the O'Brien Lift Pump pipeline.

**6. Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer:** Concerning a plan to address District 10 issues. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Winchester moved to approve the draft District 10 plan to address their concerns with the 2014 Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer. All ayes, motion passed.

**7. Concerning the current drought conditions**. No action taken.

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

**9. Correspondence:** None

**10. Closed Session:** The Board in closed session will discuss personnel issues; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

**11. Open Session:** President Bordsen announced that the Board, in closed session, no action taken.

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