

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MAY 30, 2013**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the May 16, 2013 Regular Board Meeting and May 23, 2013 Special Board Meeting were approved by a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. The Board will consider a request by east side landowner Don Durham.** After discussion regarding the clearing of brush on the BVID property down slope of the Durham property for fire protection on the east of Collins Lake, a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester granted Don Durham permission to proceed with the clearing of a shaded fuel break and Manager Cotter has the authority to oversee the process as long as we have the proper insurance and BVID is listed as additional insured for any workers on BVID's property. All ayes, motion passed.

**5. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,175.0 ft, which is 8.0 ft below spill. This amounts to 85.3% of storage with 42,200 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 580 Kw with releases of 82.6 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,178.7 ft, which is 4.3 ft below spill (92.0% or 45,540 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 620 Kw with releases of 85.1 cfs.

**Staff Activities:**

The General Manager, Operations Manager, GIS/Planner and four crewmembers attended the JPIA Defensive Driving training in Roseville on May 21<sup>st</sup>. This class is required every 4 years.

**Cal ISO:**

We received the final Meter Certification Letter from Trimark and have forwarded it to CalISO and PG&E. We still have a few details to cleanup but hope to complete this process soon

### **Yuba River Power Enhancement Agreement:**

PG&E has completed their signing process and YCWA has complied with the requirement to prove they have permission to use BVID's water for generation (the BVID/YCWA agreement). This process is now complete and payments will begin next summer.

### **Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

The permitting process has been the focus over the last two weeks. The Corps of Engineers is sitting on their permit, meanwhile, as of June 1<sup>st</sup> the ability to simply pay into a mitigation bank, operated by the Corps will cease to exist. We expect to be required to actually purchase 0.1 acres of seasonal emergent habitat through a mitigation bank. Cal Fish & Wildlife is also dragging their feet but hopes to have a draft to us by the end of June. Lastly, we actually had to provide copies of our Dry Creek water rights to the SWRCB (they were not able to translate our water right application and license numbers into the water rights).

The Prop 204 Grant agreement is fully executed, with a value of \$799,650.

### **Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project:**

Per the Consultant's recommendation, we are preparing to file with FERC to get a preliminary determination of how FERC will treat the project - i.e., will it be treated as a conduit exemption, a <5MW exemption or require a full license. The determination is important as we think about the cost, timing and regulatory approach for the project. Also, this information will be useful to support the funding proposal.

### **Winter Water Contract:**

YCWA met with the member units to discuss the proposed Winter Water Contract amendments, including BVID's request for 2,000 acre feet over the winter months.

### **Meetings:**

#### **Past:**

- 05-20-13 The Operations Manager and I met with FERC for a Dam inspection.
- 05-20-13 I attended the NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Woodland.
- 05-22-13 Director Winchester and I attended the YCWA Member Unit meeting in Marysville.
- 05-23-13 I met with the consultants working on the Yuba County IRWMP update.

### **Future Meetings:**

- 05-31-13 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 06-04-13 ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.
- 06-05-13 NCWA Breakfast Forum with Jerry Meral (Deputy Secretary for Natural Resources) in Marysville.

- 06-07-13 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 06-12-13 Yuba River Accord River Management Team symposium in Sacramento.
- 06-13-13 Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) to review the May bills and statements.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Sprayed a section of the Sicard ditch and spot sprayed the District yard.
2. Sealed off the old Arnold siphon which is located on the Dick Springsteen ranch.
3. Continued work on the Cross Star Trail (McDrip pipeline) realignment.
4. Removed debris piles from all of the paddlewheel locations.
5. The Operations Manager inspected Virginia Ranch Dam after the Greenville earthquake which occurred on 5/23/2013. There were no problems found.
6. Located a leak for Peggy VanderPloeg-Sweeney which turned out to be her own service pipe flooding her barn. She is in the process of repairing it.
7. Replaced the fuel line hoses at the fuel containment.

**Future Projects:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Continue the Cross Star Trail (McDrip pipeline) realignment project.
3. Complete a shut off list of non paying customers.

**5. The Board will consider the a Claim for Losses by Elliot Woo.**

Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods moved to deny the claim for losses by Elliot Woo. All ayes, motion passed.

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

**7. Correspondence:** None

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