

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JUNE 12, 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.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the May 29, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Finance Committee Report:** Director Winchester reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of May and found everything to be in order. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of May. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,159.2 ft, which is 23.8 ft below spill. This amounts to 57.7% of storage with 28,560 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Lake continues to drop about 0.2 feet per day. The Generator is now running at 520 Kw with releases of 88.1 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,172.6 ft, which is 10.4 ft below spill (80.6% or 39,900 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 620 Kw with releases of 88.4 cfs.

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

The District received Notices of Curtailment for the Collins Lake water right. This means that we can no longer divert water storage but can utilize the water already in storage. The mailing from the SWRCB included pre-notices for curtailment of our Pre-1914 water rights.

**Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

We have received the Project Specification, front end documents from the attorney and after review, will pass them along to the engineer.

**Tennessee Ditch Hydro Electric Project:**

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

**Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer:**

To be covered under agenda item #7.

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

- 05-30-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 05-31-14 Directors Bordsen, Lowe and Winchester participated in the Browns Valley Post Office Sesquicentennial Celebration.
- 06-02-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the Yuba IRWMP core group meeting at YCWA.
- 06-02-14 The Assistant Manager and I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.
- 06-03-14 The Assistant Manager and I met with Doug McCoy (Yuba County) concerning their solar program.
- 06-03-14 The Assistant Manager and I met with YCWA Board member Roger Abe concerning north basin pumping allocations and debt.
- 06-04-14 The Assistant Manager and I met with YCWA Board member Tib Belza concerning north basin pumping allocations and debt.
- 06-05-14 I attended the District 10/north Member unit meeting and Cordua requested meeting at YCWA.
- 06-05-14 The Assistant Manager met with Kevin Perkins (Yuba County) concerning CEQA for the annexation process.
- 06-05-14 I participated in the ACWA Energy Committee Legislative subcommittee conference call.
- 06-06-14 The Assistant Manager and I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 06-06-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 06-09-14 The Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) met to discuss hiring policies.
- 06-10-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the YCWA Board meeting in Marysville.
- 06-11-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the CVP Long Term Transfer EIS/EIR meeting in Sacramento.
- 06-12-14 The Finance Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met to review the May paid bills and statements.

**Future Meetings:**

- 06-18-14 through 06-20-14 The Assistant Manager will attend the Bay-Delta Tour.
- 06-18-14 Yuba IRWMP meeting in Marysville.
- 06-23-14 North Yuba Accord Member Unit meeting in Hallwood.
- 06-23-14 ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.
- 06-25-14 Yuba IRWMP meeting in Marysville.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Cleaned a section of the Sicard ditch south of Scott Forbes road.
2. Worked to plug leaks on the Sicard ditch.
3. Repaired a leak in the bank of the Pumpline canal.
4. Applied copper sulfate to the ditches for moss and submerged weed control.
5. Installed a new service on the Landerman pipeline.
6. Replaced a track on the KX-121 excavator.
7. Removed a blockage from the head of a culvert on the Pumpline Canal.
8. Rebuilt a service on the Lambert and Palmer ditches.
9. Repaired a leak on the Marcia pipeline.
10. Tony met with Bill Link (Arise Company) to have the District compressors inspected and certified.
11. Completed a 90 day BIT inspection of the dump truck.
12. Had the District fire extinguishers serviced and certified.

**Future Projects:**

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

**5. Personnel Committee Report:** Concerning the Crewmember job description, hiring policy and process.

- President Bordsen seconded by Director Winchester moved to start a policy to create 2 Distribution System Operator positions that would be paid at a rate equal to 5% above the current Utility Worker II step 4 position. All ayes, motion passed.
- Board consensus was to add Employee Hiring and Related Practices to the Employee Handbook.

**6. Retirement Resolution: The Board will consider a resolution honoring the retirement of crew member Gary Henry.** Director Lowe, seconded by President Bordsen moved to approve Resolution 6-12-14-1.

President Bordsen then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Wheeler, Lowe, Woods, Winchester and Bordsen

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Resolution 6-12-14-1 passed.

**7. Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer:** Concerning a request by Cordua for binding arbitration for pumping allocations.

- President Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to give the Ad Hoc Committee the authority to negotiate up to 75% of debt with Cordua with a targeted amount of 50%. Directors Winchester, Woods, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler opposed, motion denied.
- President Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester moved to give the Ad Hoc Committee the authority to negotiate up to 75% of debt with Cordua with a targeted amount of 50% only if Ramirez Water District will equally participate. All ayes, motion passed.

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

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

**9. Correspondence:**

- Email dated 5-30-14 from Scott Matyac regarding Cordua Board meeting on pumping allocations.
- Letter dated June 10, 2014 to BVID from Cordua Irrigation District regarding 2014 groundwater pumping for 2014

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