

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JUNE 23, 2016**

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 Lowe, Wheeler, Woods, and Bordsen. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the June 9, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. The Board will and hold a public hearing on the BVID Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) pursuant to CWC 10820(b) and CWC 10841 and will consider adopting the AWMP as appropriate.** President Winchester opened for Public Hearing, no comments. Upon no further comments, President Winchester closed the Public Hearing. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to adopt the Resolution after removing the Dry Creek Recapture Project from the AWMP. President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Lowe, Winchester, Bordsen, Woods & Wheeler  
 NOES: none  
 ABSTAIN: none  
 ABSENT: none  
 Resolution 06-23-16-01 passed

**4. The Board will consider appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to develop and review any outstanding conditions associated with the District accepting irrigation infrastructure on the Browns Valley Ridge.** After discussion, President Winchester appointed Directors Winchester and Bordsen to the Ad Hoc Committee.

**5. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

| DATE       | REMAINING SUPPLY<br>VOLUME | %     | LAKE ELEVATION | DIST BELOW SPILL | RELEASES | GEN OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------|------------------|----------|------------|
| TODAY      | 42,110 AF                  | 85.1% | 1,174.9 FT     | 8.1 FT           | 79.8 CFS | 568 KW     |
| 1 YEAR AGO | 19,570 AF                  | 39.5% | 1,147.1 FT     | 35.9 FT          | 69.4 CFS | 335 KW     |

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

The Pumpline Vegetation Removal project has concluded under budget. Some areas are now accessible to maintenance traffic for the first time in decades.

The pump providing water to the top of Red Hill was replaced on June 22, 2016.

To alleviate an overflow issue with the flumes on the Thousand Trails Ditch, staff reworked and flattened the ditch from the existing spill to the McDrip Pipeline to ensure water that would previously back up at the paddlewheel and overflow further down into the ditch will now backup to the spill 300 yards upstream. Before this work, customers would shutoff along the McDrip Pipeline and the excess water would go down the Thousand Trails Ditch beyond the pipeline and result in the flumes overflowing and causing problems for landowners. Now the excess water spills at a defined spill as intended.

Staff confirmed that Directors are covered for Errors and Omissions Liability for any work carried out in their normal scope or role at BVID.

In regard to the lawsuit filed by the Friends of the River (FOR) against various Federal agencies for ongoing operations associated with Englebright and Daguerre Dams, BVID's position will be to observe the outcome as YCWA becomes involved.

Management dismissed an employee on June 20, 2016.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Annexation**

Another round of consent letters has been sent to those parcel owners who have refused or were otherwise unresponsive during the previous round. Consent is needed for all parcels to be annexed.

### **Conserved Water Transfer**

Staff has been working with DWR on developing a solution to move carry out the Conserved Water Transfer this year. It appears there might be capacity to move water on the Federal side at the Jones Pumping Plant. However, because it is on the Federal side, there may be considerable work in preparing NEPA compliance.

### **Sicard Ditch**

The CEQA work is close to being complete and at that point, staff will begin acquiring the necessary easements.

### **Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project**

The Agreement for the design work was returned to NLine with suggested edits per Josh Horowitz.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 06/14/16 Director Bordsen and Josh Horowitz attended a meeting at YCWA to discuss anticipated litigation.
- 06/16/16 Directors Winchester and Bordsen, as well as staff, attended a kickoff meeting for the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.

- 06/20/16 Staff participated in a conference call with TruPoint solutions to learn about their database and billing software.
- 06/21/16 The Manager attended the ACWA Region 2 and 4 Event at Sacramento Suburban Water District.
- 06/22/16 Director Winchester and the Manager attended the Yuba County Groundwater Sustainability Committee Meeting at Yuba County.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 07/06/16 Accord Member Unit Meeting (9:00 AM)

**DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

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| RECENT PROJECTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed a repair to the Redhill East pipeline.</li> <li>2. Installed three new services on the Peoria pipeline.</li> <li>3. Repaired a leak on the Arnold Ditch.</li> <li>4. Replaced the upper pump on the Redhill East pipeline.</li> <li>5. Mechanically cleaned the Dexter and Cade ditches.</li> <li>6. Removed a large oak tree from the Olive Hill Ditch.</li> <li>7. Trenched the Thousand Trails Ditch 1000’ upstream to create a level pond to the upstream spill so the McDrip overflow water would spill down to Tennessee Creek and get reclaimed rather than the overflow water impacting the flumes on the lower Thousand Trails Ditch and the water being lost.</li> </ol> |
| FUTURE PROJECTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install a new service on the Bonanza and Peoria pipelines.</li> <li>2. Continue work on the Peoria Pipeline.</li> <li>3. Continue to monitor water flows and conserve where we are able.</li> </ol>  |

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

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Closed Session:** Conference with real property negotiator involving BVID’s Pre-1914 appropriative water rights; Ryan McNally, District negotiator(s), will negotiate with Yuba County Water Agency for a lease of BVID’s pre-1914 water right for power generation purposes. Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include price, terms of payment, or both. *Removed from agenda.*

**9. Open Session:** The Board will report any action taken in closed session. *Removed from agenda.*

**10. Adjournment:**