

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JULY 11, 2019**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the June 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Jan Holland of Scott Forbes Rd was inquiring about the amount of water available at the Selby Ranch.

**3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for June 2019.** Director Bordsen reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of June and found everything to be in order. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the financial reports for the month of June. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. The Board will receive a presentation from the District’s independent audit firm Blomberg and Griffin and consider adopting the 2018 Browns Valley Irrigation District Independent Auditor’s Report.** A motion by Director Maslan, seconded by Director Woods to adopt the 2018 Auditor’s Report. All ayes, motion passed.

**5. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>44,700 AF</b>	<b>90.3%</b>	<b>1,177.7 FT</b>	<b>5.3 FT</b>	89.8 CFS	<b>642 KW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	40,300 AF	81.4%	1,173.0 FT	10.0 FT	91.3 CFS	619 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

On June 28, 2019, the Manager met with a prospective buyer of the Selby Ranch to discuss water availability. The Manager advised that the property that was once known as the Selby Ranch, which included parcels now owned by the Holland family, could reasonably receive 30 units of water, and that it is entitled to a “pro rata” share since other customers are served by the line. Legal Counsel has provided an opinion that the Board has the flexibility to divide the share based upon the geography, usage and availability for affected parcels. The Manager is developing a division based on the both the Selby and Holland’s in-District acreage served by the Upper Main pipeline which comes out to nearly 2:1 in favor of the Selby parcels. It appears there is enough water to serve both parties without conflict.

On July 2, 2019, the Yuba River Endowment took action to donate \$125,000 to the new Loma Rica Browns Valley Fire station for the purchase of a specialized water storage tank.

The Manager intends to purchase 1,036 feet of the “Smart Ditch” (HDPE ditch liner) at a discount of \$4.80 per foot. When we started looking at the product, it was going for \$27.85 per foot. However, the vendor decided they did not want to be in that particular business anymore and offered their whole stock to the District for \$5,000. This product can be used in a wide variety of applications throughout the District.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Caltrans Highway 20 Realignment**

The District’s design consultant Karl Brustad has submitted the 100% design drawings three (3) times, each being returned by Caltrans for additional comments. The Manager is working with Caltrans to amend the Utility Agreement to include these additional charges, as well as construction management and inspection services performed by Brustad during the construction phase.

### **Sicard Pipeline Project**

Staff met with YWA and urged progress on consideration of the grant. As a stopgap, the Manager asked that the Agency at least consider engineering, CEQA and MBK’s water loss study for now.

The Manager also intends to apply for a USBR grant that improves aging agricultural infrastructure, as the project seems to fit within their scope.

### **Virginia Ranch Dam**

With the help of the District’s consultant, staff has updated the Virginia Ranch Dam Emergency Action Plan in accordance with CalOES’ new requirements originating from the 2017 incident at Oroville Dam. Staff expects this to be submitted early next week and doesn’t expect much comment since this was a rewrite based on their first review. The rewrite also satisfies FERC’s requirement to reprint the EAP every five (5) years.

### **Yuba River**

Staff is preparing to conduct the annual maintenance of the diversion channel, which is tentatively scheduled for July 25, 2019.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 06/28/19 The Manager met with Mr. Joe Conant to discuss water availability at the Selby Ranch.
- 07/01/19 The Manager attended a YWA Water Education Center planning meeting at YWA.
- 07/02/19 The Manager attended a Yuba River Endowment meeting at YWA.
- 07/10/19 The Manager met with YWA staff to sign letters for the YWA Yuba River Experience on behalf of the Yuba River Endowment.
- 07/11/19 Staff met at the end of the Upper Main pipeline to test the realistic yield of the pipeline at the Selby Ranch.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 07/15/19 The Manager and Operations Manager are scheduled to meet with Mr. David Pietz.
- 07/16/19 The Manager will attend an Ag Leadership meeting in Chico.
- 07/25/19 The Manager will meeting with Ms. JoAnna Lessard to discuss grant projects through the IRWMP.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

The upper district has been running steady with few issues.

Operations staff repaired a line break on Virginia Road.

Crew installed a mainline valve to feed the new Loma Rica Browns Valley Fire station, which included a road crossing on Big Oak Lane.

Mechanically cleaned sections of the Lambert Ditch.

The new temporary employee started on July 8, 2019; he will be working alongside operations staff, assisting where needed.

Tested the output of the Upper Main Pipeline for possible future water demands.

### **Lower District**

The Pumpline Canal is running at 60cfs.

The fish screens are still impacted with gravel, we are monitoring the river water level and will clean the channel as soon as possible.

### **Upcoming tasks**

Complete service install for the Loma Rica Browns Valley Services District.

Clean Pumpline river channel (dependent on river flows).

Weed eat and spray district waterways and fixtures as necessary.

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

**7. Correspondence:**

- Copy of letter from Louise Ahart to Yuba Co Water Agency

**8. Adjournment:** 5:43PM