

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JULY 13, 2017**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the June 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Harry and Jan Holland wanted to report that they were very happy with the water availability at their services this year.

**3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for June 2017.** 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 discuss the results of the FERC inspection of the Virginia Ranch Dam and Spillway.** Discussion only, no action taken.

**5. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	42,920 AF	86.7%	1,175.8 FT	7.2 FT	105.0 CFS	725 KW
1 YEAR AGO	38,580 AF	77.9%	1,171.2 FT	11.8 FT	106.3 CFS	667 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Staff received the 2017 invoice for the PERS Unfunded Liability in the amount of \$72,663.

Representatives from the Browns Valley Ridge have tentatively accepted the draft Agreement as edited by the District's Legal Counsel. Staff is awaiting an executed copy before finalizing.

The Redhill lift pump is making a considerable amount of noise which is indicative of wear. The Manager directed staff to replace the gearhead with the spare as soon as possible to avoid an emergency scenario while it was still functioning. The gear head was replaced on July 12, 2017 but the noise did not subside. That leads staff to believe there might be significant wear on the bearings for the bowls which we also have a spare for, but not without a much more intensive overhaul requiring a crane. That work is scheduled for Monday July 17, 2017.

Staff is compiling records pursuant to a public records request from Water Audit California, who seems focused on fish flows on California waterways.

The Technical Services Manager is working with High Sierra Electronics to correct some inaccuracies in the District's weather data at Collins Lake. The ambient air temperature readings appear to be 10-15 degrees cooler than actual.

The Water Education Foundation is offering their two day "Headwaters Tour" that will showcase and visit a meadow restoration site, Lake Tahoe, El Dorado National Forest, and the Yuba and American Rivers if there is any interest from the Board in attending. The dates are September 13 and 14, 2017. This might be of particular interest due to its inclusion of the Yuba River. The Manager attended the Foundation's Delta tour two years ago and it was an outstanding educational experience.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **FEMA Disaster Assistance**

Per Jerry Quinn's request, staff has filed a claim for each of the losses through the District's insurance since FEMA will only cover what insurance will not. Staff is awaiting a determination on each of those losses.

### **Senate Bill 88**

Staff and the owners of the O'Brien and T&E Ranches met with MBK to discuss individual water rights on Honcut and Prairie Creeks and how to best report those pursuant to SB 88. As a result, MBK will work to develop a proposed policy on how to best identify BVID water versus water rights water held by the respective owners and the best way to report those to the State.

### **Peoria Pipeline**

Staff intends to resume work on the Peoria Pipeline which will include construction north on Peoria Road at the intersection of Peoria and Township, as well as the engineering work necessary to install a steel pipeline along the bridge spanning Dry Creek before continuing south. However, the repair workload this summer has been unusually busy and scheduling may be delayed.

### **Tennessee Ditch Hydro**

NLine is working with PG&E in an attempt to bring the interconnection costs down and is continuing to monitor the District's grant application with USBR.

### **Virginia Ranch Dam Spillway Focus Study**

Kleinschmidt has begun work on this study based on the FERC inspection on June 28, 2017, as well as staff's sounding efforts on June 29, 2017.

### **Yuba River Diversion Maintenance**

Staff is working with Fish and Wildlife to provide additional documentation for permitting.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 06/12/17 Teleconference with Kleinschmidt and GEI.
- 06/26/17 Teleconference with Dude Solutions.
- 06/28/17 Annual FERC inspection of the Virginia Ranch Dam
- 07/12/17 Meeting with MBK and owners of the O'Brien Ranch to discuss water rights reporting.
- 07/13/17 ACWA JPIA Leadership Course

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 07/14/17 ACWA JPIA Leadership Course
- 07/19/17 Accord Member Unit Meeting (9:00 AM at YCWA)

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

- RECENT PROJECTS
  - 1. The operations manager met with Cal-Trans concerning the highway 20 widening project.
  - 2. Installed new services on the Stern Lane, Rancho Loma Rica, and McDrip pipelines.
  - 3. Algae control completed in the upper District.
  - 4. Repaired a break on the Lone Tree, Hill Road, and Peoria pipelines.
  - 5. Replaced the gear head on the turbine side of the Redhill East pump. On 7/24/17 the turbine will be replaced.
  - 6. Rebuilt and installed the trucks on the fish screen brushing system.
  - 7. FERC dam inspection took place on 6/28/17. Per FERC's request, we sounded the entire spillway and created a map of the findings on 6/29/17.
  - 8. Repacked a section of ditch on the Harding Canal at the Pietz ranch.
- FUTURE PROJECTS
  - 1. Repair a leak on the Sandy Way pipeline.
  - 2. Replace the turbine at the Redhill East pump.

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

**7. Correspondence:** None

**10. Adjournment:**