

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JULY 24, 2013**

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 Wheeler, Lowe, and Woods. Director Winchester was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Assistant Manager McNally. Clerk Springsteen was absent.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the July 10, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,148.6 ft, which is 34.4 ft below spill. This amounts to 41.6% of storage with 20,620 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is now running at 420 Kw with releases of 85.1 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,163.0 ft, which is 20 ft below spill (63.6% or 31,500 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 720 Kw with releases of 114.4 cfs.

Staff Activities:

The new Utility Worker I (permanent position) starts on July 28th. Also we have one temporary employee starting on the 28th and one more on August 4th. This will fill out the construction crew.

The Union has taken exception with the process used for the last employee termination but has not responded to our attorney's written opinion concerning the appropriateness of the process used. The key point is the fact that the District is an "at will" employer.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

Yuba County is requesting to receive a credit equal to the value of the acreage of the easement through the Sycamore Ranch Campground and that this credit be used to pay for the connection fee and future water purchases until the credit has been fully utilized. The easement area in the Campground (including the pipeline, pump station and access and the mitigation site) is about 3.46 acres.

The Board discussed waiving the connection fee but not allowing for the credit of irrigation water as was proposed by Yuba County. Staff will continue working with the County to develop an amenable solution.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Electric Project:

The Hydro Committee needs to meet to discuss the staff report concerning the viability of this project.

Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer:

Covered under Agenda Item 4.

Meetings:

Past:

- 07-14-14 Directors Bordsen and Lowe, the Assistant Manager and I attended the YCWA ad hoc committee meeting concerning the pumping allocations for 2014.
- 07-15-14 The Assistant Manager attended the OES Slow Rise Exercise planning meeting that will include the District's FERC Functional Exercise later this year.
- 07-16-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the California Water Foundation funding meeting for the next phase of the Robust Decision Process (Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management Plan).
- 07-18-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting and district tour of Bella Vista WD in Redding.
- 07-22-14 Directors Bordsen and Lowe, the Assistant Manager and I attended the YCWA Board meeting in Marysville.
- 07-23-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended the Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management Plan open house in Maryville.
- 07-24-14 The ad hoc East Side of Collins Lake Dozer Road Committee (Directors Bordsen and Woods) met to discuss proposed edit to the easement agreement.

Future Meetings:

- 07-25-14 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 07-28-14 NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting at Westside WD in Williams.
- 07-31-14 NCWA Groundwater Lecture in Woodland.
- 08-04-14 ACWA Region 2&4 Legislative Subcommittee conference call.
- 08-06-14 YCWA member Unit meeting in Marysville.
- 08-14-14 Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) meeting to review the August bills and statements.

Projects:

Past:

1. Cleaned a section of the Sicard ditch north of Scott Forbes Road.
2. Repaired a break on the Ellis and Cahoon pipelines.
3. Cleaned up the debris pile at the Redhill paddlewheels and trimmed trees along the access road.
4. Finished flushing the wharf valves and blowouts in an ongoing process to eliminate sediment build up in the pipelines.
5. Installed a new service on the Redhill East pipeline.

6. Installed a gravity service on the Ellis pipeline which will allow the owner to lift the water from the same elevation as the ditch that previously served the parcel.
7. Installed the building that houses the Dry Creek gauging station.
8. Checked a shut off list for Donna to ensure those that were shut off are still off.
9. Dumped 1.5 tons of rubber excavator tracks at Recology in Marysville.
10. Replaced a track on the Kubota KX-61 excavator

Future Projects:

1. Repairs on the Abel pipeline.
2. Begin the O'Brien drought pipeline. Directors Bordsen, Lowe and Woods asserted that they would like to explore a possible contract with a trenching company to speed things along. The Manager gave an assurance that if an average of 250 feet per day progress is not achieved, staff would bring in additional resources to meet that target.
3. Repair a valve on the Pumpline Canal.

4. Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer: The Yuba County Water Agency, at their Board meeting on July 22, 2014, set the 2014 final allocation. There is an understanding between all member units of the Yuba River Accord that alternative processes will be explored for 2015 and beyond.

5. East Side of Collins Lake Ad Hoc Committee Report: The Committee recommended including verbiage from a side letter in the Agreement which would allow emergency passage on the dam during fires only. The Committee is opposed to allowing verbiage as proposed which includes any future County conditions which may mandate the use of the dam for passage. No Board action taken.

6. Concerning the Current Drought Conditions: Director Bordsen relayed a complaint from a constituent regarding no water in a creek near Peoria Road. Since this creek is typical fed by irrigation tail water, he felt this was a good thing and is indicative of staff maintaining an accurate balance.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence: None

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