

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JULY 25, 2013**

At 5:00 pm President Lowe called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Winchester, Bordsen, Woods, and Wheeler. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the July 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were approved by a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Finance Committee Report:** Diane Watts from DR Watts Accountancy presented the audit of the 2012 Financial Statements. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to accept the 2012 Financial Statement Audit as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,162.7 ft, which is 20.3 ft below spill. This amounts to 63.2% of storage with 31,260 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 720 Kw with releases of 114.4 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,166.8 ft, which is 16.2 ft below spill (70.3% or 34,820 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 800 Kw with releases of 120.1 cfs.

**Staff Activities:**

Our latest utility worker to go to work for PG&E (4 in the last 2 years) left on July 19<sup>th</sup>. We have interviewed and provisionally hired (subject to passing a pre-employment physical and drug test) a replacement crewmember.

**Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

We provided the contact person for the Karshoej property a map of the proposed pipeline route with an overlay of the 1996 high water line to demonstrate the lack of ability to develop (due to flood plain issues). Almost the entire pipeline route is in the floodplain. This should show that the easement for the pipeline will not have a negative effect on the property value in that area.

**Tennessee Ditch Hydro Electric Project:**

Covered under an agenda item.

### **Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer:**

DWR has confirmed that the release of this year's transfer release is underway. We will be invoicing both Santa Clara VWD and Dudley Ridge WD as soon as DWR confirms that the water in fact has been transferred.

### **Groundwater Substitution Third Party Impact:**

The Brant Lowe well has been chlorinated but is not a "sealed" well, so this chlorination will not be a long term fix. Also, the well still has issues with sediment that needs filtering.

### **Meetings:**

#### **Past:**

- 7-12-13 I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 7-15-13 I attended the NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Woodland.
- 7-16-13 The GIS/Planner and I met with Restoration Resources (mitigation planners) to survey the proposed mitigation area for the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 7-16-13 Directors Bordsen and Lowe and I attended the YCWA Production Operations Development Committee meeting in Marysville.
- 7-17-13 I attended the YCWA Groundwater and Accord meetings in Marysville.
- 7-19-13 I attended the retirement luncheon Tom Dixon (YCWA) at Lake Francis.
- 7-25-13 The Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) met to discuss a merit advancement for a staff member.

### **Future Meetings:**

- 7-26-13 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 8-08-13 Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) meeting to review the July bills and statements.

### **Projects:**

#### **Past:**

1. Mechanically cleaned the Dexter ditch.
2. Sprayed cattails on the Arnold, Lower Main and Olive Hill ditches, and also sprayed the Upper Main pipeline fixtures.
3. Continued work on the Cross Star Trail pipeline realignment. Yuba County informed us this week that about 80' of this 600' project will need to be placed with 11' of cover (back to native terrain). The County will be reimbursing the District for the removal of the 60' of pipe already installed at the (now) wrong depth.
4. Rebuilt a service on each of the Redhill East and Mahle pipelines.
5. Replaced the spray pump on the motorcycle spray rig.

6. Installed a new ditch service on the Lower Main ditch.
7. Repaired the flow meter at the head of the Pumpline Canal.

**Future Projects:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.  
Continue the Cross Star Trail (McDrip pipeline) realignment project

**5. Personnel Committee Report:** Update the succession plan progress. Discussion only, no action taken.

**6. Hydro Committee Report:** Concerning the failed funding request to YCWA for the permitting of the Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric project. After discussion, Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to use District Funds to continue moving forward with the Environmental Impact Report. All ayes, motion passed.

**7. The Board will consider a Resolution Approving the General Manager to Purchase and Sign Financial Instruments.** No action taken. A motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to deposit the matured Umpqua CD funds into the Yuba County #774 account. All ayes, motion passed.

**8. The Board will discuss the letter of request from the Browns Valley Ridge.** Discussion only, referred to Pipeline Committee. No action taken.

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

**10. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated July 14, 2013 to BVID from Browns Valley Ridge Subdivision regarding BVID taking over the irrigation system within the subdivision.

**11. Closed Session:** President Lowe announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to discuss and consider advancement for a staff member. Any action taken would be reported in Open Session.

**12. Open Session:** President Lowe reconvened the meeting into open session and reported that in closed session the Board approved a 5% merit pay increase for staff member Donna Springsteen effective June 22, 2013.

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