

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
AUGUST 10, 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, Wheeler and Woods. Also in attendance were Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen. Director Lowe was absent.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the July 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Woods and Winchester ayes, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None.

**3. The Board will consider a customer request to waive the Administrative Service Charge pursuant to Section 4.1.3 of the Browns Valley Irrigation District Rules and Regulations.** No action taken.

**4. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for July 2017.** Director Bordsen reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of July and found everything to be in order. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the financial reports for the month of July. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Woods and Winchester ayes, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

**5. The Board will consider adding the District's namesake to ACWA's Letter of Opposition of Senate Bill 623, unless amended, which imposes the addition of a ratepayer assessment/tax on water.** A motion was made by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler, to include the District on ACWA's Letter of Opposition. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Woods and Winchester ayes, Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

**6. The Board will discuss the Redhill East Pump Station.** Discussion only, no action taken.

**7. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

| DATE       | REMAINING SUPPLY<br>VOLUME | %     | LAKE ELEVATION | DIST BELOW SPILL | RELEASES | GEN OUTPUT |
|------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------|------------------|----------|------------|
| TODAY      | 37,330 AF                  | 75.4% | 1,169.7 FT     | 13.3 FT          | 96.3 CFS | 638 KW     |
| 1 YEAR AGO | 32,040 AF                  | 64.7% | 1,163.6 FT     | 19.4 FT          | 81.5 CFS | 508 KW     |

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

On July 31, 2017, staff discovered that the contractor for the Dollar General in Loma Rica cut our service out to provide more coverage for the new landscaping. The service was shutoff and Dollar General was

advised that until the penalties were paid, they would go without irrigation water not only for their landscaping, but also for their required fire suppression tank which was going to hold up the final inspection. Dollar General paid the penalties and purchased three (3) additional units of water to total four (4).

On July 31, 2017 MBK filed BVID's 2017 Farmgate Report with DWR.

The new Freightliner dump truck was taken to North Valley Diesel for repair on August 1, 2017.

On August 8, 2017, PG&E had a scheduled outage at the river pumps. When the power was restored, the 125 HP pump kicked a coupler loose requiring minor repair.

On August 8, 2017, Killingsworth advised staff that Johnson Gear had overnighted the required parts for the Red Hill East gearhead and that it was expected to be ready on Thursday, August 10, 2017. Staff is driving to Fresno Friday morning and the reinstallation is currently expected to occur Friday, August 11, 2017.

ACWA JPIA published the 2018 Health Insurance premiums and staff has prepared the calculations of how they will impact the District. The plan increases are as follows: Employee Only - \$32.48 increase per month; Employee plus 1 - \$66.57 increase per month; Employee plus family - \$89.63 increase per month. A more detailed analysis was included with this meeting's handouts. As per the MOU, the District's obligation will only increase \$32.48 per month per employee.

The Manager is working on developing some baseline assumptions in developing proposed terms for the Collins Lake Concessionaire Agreement. Staff has talked with Nevada Irrigation District and Yuba County Water Agency about their contracts at Greenhorn and Emerald Cove. The Manager also spoke with Curt Aikens about some elements he found when configuring their agreement at Emerald Cove. A future meeting will be scheduled with he and Geoff Rabone (YCWA Project Manager) to discuss more details, especially how the agreement relates to FERC requirements.

Staff has developed a letter in support of YCWA's Amended Final License Application to FERC and is prepared to mail it to FERC prior to the August 21, 2017 deadline.

Staff has submitted a proposed easement through Hammon Grove Park and Sycamore Ranch to Yuba County Public Works in anticipation of the Highway alignment project, and are awaiting their comments.

On August 10, 2017, the Manager spoke with Kleinschmidt in response to the FERC letter dated July 24, 2017. They are preparing the response letter required no later than August 24, 2017 which will address the drain lines as well as the singular area of concrete delamination.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **FEMA Disaster Assistance**

Staff developed an RFQ for an engineer to inspect the fish screen and provide a detailed scope of work for the repairs. The RFQ was sent to Legal Counsel to ensure conformity with FEMA requirements. Once returned, it will be advertised for bid with work to begin in early fall.

On Friday August 11, 2017 FEMA is scheduled to conduct several site visits as well as receive all of BVID's records related to the disaster to begin compiling the final project reports.

### **PAST MEETINGS**

07/28/17 The Manager attended a kickoff breakfast at YCWA for the FERC Amended Final License Application and information on support letters.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

08/15/17 The Member Units will be asking for YCWA to forego the scheduled 2.5% increase to the cost of project water at their Board meeting.  
08/15/17 An Accord Member Unit Meeting with YCWA's Executive Committee to readdress the valuation of Schedule 6 payments to the pumpers.  
08/23/17 Accord Member Unit Meeting (9:00 AM at YCWA)

### **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

RECENT PROJECTS

1. Converted the Redhill East pump temporarily to electric powered by a large generator.
2. Installed a service on the Hill Road pipeline.
3. Cleared the drains on both sides of the Virginia Ranch Dam spillway.
4. Replaced a valve on the Mahle pipeline.
5. Sent the KX-121 excavator out for repair.
6. Sent the Freightliner dump truck to North Valley Diesel for repair.
7. Completed the annual Air Quality Management inspection and passed with no issues.
8. Completed the monthly pesticide use report for the Ag.Dept.
9. Mechanically cleaned the B.V.Main ditch from the Lions Club upstream to Fruitland road.
10. Repaired a leak on the discharge pipe of the 125 H.P. pump at the Yuba River pumping station.

FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Replace the turbine and gear head at the Redhill East pump with the newly rebuilt equipment.
2. Mechanically clean a section of the Dexter ditch.
3. Mechanically clean the Thousand Trails ditch.

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

### **9. Correspondence:**

- I. An email from Curt Aikens discussion why Yuba County opposed the coalition to delay FERC relicensing at Oroville.
- II. Correspondence from YCWA regarding the upcoming meeting to discuss Schedule 6 valuation to the Accord Member Units.
- III. A letter from the Manager on behalf of BVID in support of YCWA's Amended Final

License Application to FERC.

**10. Adjournment:**