

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 11, 2016**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the July 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: 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. All ayes, motion passed.

4. The Board will discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric Project: Discussion only regarding the District’s concurrence with NLine Energy’s recommendation to forego an application for grant funds from the California Energy Commission at this time.

5. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	31,860 AF	64.4%	1,163.4 FT	19.6 FT	81.6 CFS	509 KW
1 YEAR AGO	12,000 AF	24.2%	1,135.0 FT	48.0 FT	68.5 CFS	260 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Staff inspected the dam and spillway after the August 3, 2016 earthquake recorded near Susanville, as well as the one on August 9, 2016 near Clearlake. There was no indication of movement or damage after either event.

On August 5, 2016, a 15” section of the McDrip pipeline burst and caused a major outage. The breach was caused by a crewmember installing a saddle for a service and upon tapping into the 15” line, it shattered over a large area due to its brittleness.

Staff is currently working to renew the Streambed Alteration permit on the Yuba River for routine maintenance and attempting to create an additional window allowing for maintenance from April 1 to April 30 in addition to the historical July 1 to September 30

window. The District has retained the services of Marcus Bole to begin work on the initial study.

The septic tank at the office was full and subsequently pumped on August 5, 2016.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

Staff spoke with Placer County Water Agency and they confirmed that the Bureau of Reclamation cancelled the Agreement between them for the purchase of 20,000 AF. As a result, staff initiated dialogue with YCWA to develop an exchange Agreement for the Conserved Water Transfer. Mr. Aikens has tasked Steve Grinnell with developing draft language for the Agreement.

Sicard Ditch

Staff spoke with the landowner and he committed to having his proposed terms of the easement to the District within a couple weeks. In terms of scheduling, bow season begins August 20 and it is his request that construction not begin until the end of October to avoid deer season altogether.

Senate Bill 88 Compliance

Under Senate Bill 88, the District will be required to record all diversions hourly for a period of ten years effective January 1, 2017. The regulation allows for users to request up to 24 months of additional time to meet compliance with supporting documentation that identifies why additional time is required. Staff intends to invoke this alternative based on the rural nature of the District and that significant time is needed to develop the required communication infrastructure necessary to record the data.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project

NLine Energy has advised the District not to pursue the California Energy Commission (CEC) grant as was originally planned, to which the Manager concurred. As was discussed during the July 28, 2016 Board meeting, if awarded, this grant would have compelled us to secure additional funding to complete the project. After further analysis, NLine has suggested foregoing this grant due to several unknowns remaining, including the final scope and project cost. NLine has subsequently cancelled the Agreement to perform the grant application services with the intent to seek out future grants when the design is complete.

Staff is taking steps to work with the land owners to begin the easement process.

PAST MEETINGS

- 08/02/16 The Manager met with Mr. Rich Burtleson and Patrick Laughlin to discuss the annexation process.
- 08/02/16 The Manager attended a YCWA Board Workshop with the U.S. Forest Service.

08/10/16 Director Winchester and the Manager met with Mr. Morgan Read and Pat Keely to discuss the annexation process.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

09/15/16 ACWA Region 2 Board Meeting at Western Canal Water District.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

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| RECENT PROJECTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Continue Lower Ellis pipeline. 800 feet installed since we continued the project.2. Ryan McNally and Tony Ward checked for earthquake issues at Virginia Ranch Dam due to the 4.5 magnitude Susanville quake of 8/3/16. No apparent problems.3. Tony Ward checked for earthquake issues at Virginia Ranch Dam due to the 5.1 magnitude Clearlake quake of 8/9/16. No apparent problems.4. Mechanically cleaned the Dexter ditch, upper end of the Ellis ditch, and the lower end of the Heintzen ditch.5. Installed a new service on the McDrip pipeline.6. Repaired a 15” main line break on the McDrip pipeline. |
| FUTURE PROJECTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Continue to monitor water flows and conserve where we are able.2. Continue to spray the Pumpline Canal.3. Continue work on the lower Ellis pipeline. |

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence:

- Written correspondence from MBK regarding Senate Bill (SB) 88;
- Email correspondence between the Manager and NLine Energy regarding the CEC Grant for the Tennessee Ditch Hydro project.

8. Closed Session: Conference with legal counsel--anticipated litigation; Government Code section 54956.9(a) and (d)(2) and (3); significant exposure to litigation involving claim of entitlement to free water service by the University of California.

9. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. Discussion only, no action taken.

10. Adjournment: