

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 22, 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 and Wheeler. Director Woods was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the August 8, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were approved by a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,155.0 ft, which is 28.0 ft below spill. This amounts to 51.1% of storage with 25,300 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 465 Kw with releases of 84.6 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,159.5 ft, which is 23.5 ft below spill (58.2% or 28,800 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 580 Kw with releases of 99.0 cfs.

FERC has put the District on notice that we need to repair the small generator at the Powerhouse and need to have a plan together in the next 45 days (see the included letter dated 8/19/13).

Staff Activities:

The Operations Manager attended a JPIA training class on Performance Evaluations 8/15/13 in Roseville.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

The final draft of the SWRCB petition to add a new point of rediversion is expected to be out in the next few days. There has been a change in project engineers at Mead & Hunt and I have met with him and expect to work well with him as this project transitions from permitting to bid and construction.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Electric Project:

Covered under an agenda item.

Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer:

DWR will be providing full conformation of the delivery in October but as of yesterday, unofficially confirmed that the water has been transferred. Invoices will go out on Friday.

Groundwater Substitution:

Third Party Impact - The well driller is on site and drilling at 9844 Spring Valley Road but is only down 28' so far. The owner has provided a letter to the District to ask for reconsideration for the moving of the equipment once the well is successfully drilled.

Pumpers Payments – The District received the first one-half payment for this year's pumping. Checks were dispersed to the pumpers at the rate of 85% of their pumping (up to their allocation) with no payment to BVID (pumping or retention) at this time. The District will be paid from the second payment late this year.

Meetings:

Past:

- 8-09-13 I participated in the Conference call with MBK and BKS to discuss the SWRCB petition to add a new point of rediversion (Dry Creek Recapture Project).
- 8-13-13 The pipeline Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met with Randy Lavelock (Browns Valley Ridge) to discuss their request to have BVID take over their delivery system.
- 8-13-13 The Hydro Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met to discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 8-13-13 Director Lowe and I met with Jack Coel (well douser) at 9844 Spring Valley Rd. to site a new well on that parcel.
- 8-14-13 Director Winchester & I attended the YCWA Groundwater workshop at YCWA.
- 8-15-13 I participated in the ACWA Energy Committee meeting (via conference call), the meeting was in Los Angeles.
- 8-16-13 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 8-20-13 I met with Jeff Kashiwada and Kelly Tilford (Mead & Hunt). Jeff is the new Project Manager for the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 8-21-13 Director Winchester and I met with the Accord north member units for a briefing on Cordua's Groundwater Substitution Transfer issues.
- 8-22-13 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord Technical Committee meeting to consider a request by Cordua to shift a large portion of their pumping to a different sub-basin.

Future Meetings:

- 8-26-13 through 9-4-13 I will be on vacation.
- 9-05-13 Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project conference call.
- 9-10-13 Small Claims Court for Elliot Woo.
- 9-12-13 Finance Committee (Directors Winchester & Wheeler) to review the August bills and statements.

Projects:

Past:

1. Continued work on the Cross Star Trail pipeline realignment. Today, Western Blasting Technology removed two large rocks from the pipeline route.
2. Installed a new service on the Sicard Ditch.
3. Rebuilt a service on the Two Handy pipeline.
4. Repaired a break on the Palmer pipeline and the Peoria pipeline.
5. Completed grounds maintenance at the District office.
6. Mechanically cleaned a section of the Ellis ditch.
7. Spot sprayed the following areas: Pumpline Canal, Olive Hill ditch, and the Sicard ditch.

Future Projects:

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

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

5. Pipeline Committee Report: Update the request from the Browns Valley Ridge subdivision to have BVID takeover their delivery system. Discussion only, no action taken.

6. Hydro Committee Report: Concerning the Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric project. Discussion only, no action taken.

7. The Board will consider opening new checking and money market accounts at Gold Country Bank. After discussion, tabled for future meeting.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: President Lowe reported that he has received several phone calls with good comments concerning the new hydro electric generator.

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated August 11, 2013 to BVID from Gary Miller regarding drilling an ag well.
- Letter dated August 12, 2013 to Gary Miller from BVID regarding Yuba River Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer Program.
- Letter dated August 12, 2013 to Honorable Katcho Achadjian from BVID regarding SB731
- Letter dated August 19, 2013 to BVID from Brandt Lowe regarding well located at 9844 Spring Valley Rd.
- Letter dated August 19, 2013 to BVID from FERC regarding Partial non-operation inquiry for VRD.

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