

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 Wheeler, Bordsen, Winchester and Woods. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the August 22, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were approved by a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Finance Committee Report: Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of August and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of August. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,149.9 ft, which is 33.1 ft below spill. This amounts to 43.5% of storage with 21,530 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 430 Kw with releases of 83.1 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,154.8 ft, which is 28.2 ft below spill (50.8% or 25,180 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 410 Kw with releases of 75.4 cfs.

CalISO has informed us that the metering process is not yet complete (even though we were under the impression that we were) and that the modem inside the newly installed power meter is not functioning. This has caused PG&E to suspend our payment for July's generation pending confirmation that Cal ISO will accept the data from PG&E's meter for payment. Trimark (our CalISO consultant) will be installing an external modem next week. We have a CalISO meter test scheduled for October 7, which should be the final step (we hope).

We have received a quote to refurbish the 50 Kw generator at a cost of \$19,600. Included in the quote is remote monitoring of the unit. This will allow us to limit the actual visits to the powerhouse to once a week, yet still record the daily information (from the Office).

The draft Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) study as prepared by GEI Consultants has arrived and is being reviewed. This is the corrected PMF that will replace the 2006

preliminary study that was done using data from the upslope watershed (due to a lack of data in the Collins watershed).

Staff Activities:

On August 27th, James Craighead (Cal OSHA) called the Office to inform us that there will be no citation issued as a result of the April 25 heat event with one of the crew members. He went on to add that the training and Heat program look good, there is lots of shade and replenishment water is available.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

The petition to add a new point of redirection has been sent to the SWRCB. The Mitigation Plan for 3,000 sq ft of restoration has been submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers and the narrative monitoring plan for this mitigation project is being prepared. Also, I am reviewing the draft agreement with Yuba County that will allow this project to cross their campground.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Electric Project:

Covered under an agenda item.

Elliot Woo vs. Gabriel Costa et al:

The outcome of this Small Claims Court was in favor of both Elliot Woo and BVID. The Costa's have been ordered to pay BVID the \$1,745.52 that was the remaining balance at the time of the sale to Woo and BVID will reimburse Woo the \$600.00 that he has paid on that account since he purchased the property.

Groundwater Substitution:

Third Party Impact - The well at 9844 Spring Valley Road has been completed at 320' with a 20 gpm output. The equipment is installed and is now fully operational.

Meetings:

Past:

- 8-23-13 I met with John McJunkin (Kane property) to walk the proposed penstock route through that property. The family has "grave concerns" about the 96% reduction in flows in Tennessee ditch as a result of this project.
- 8-26-13 through 9-04-13 I was on vacation.
- 9-05-13 I participated in the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project conference call.
- 9-09-13 I attended Small Claims Court in the Elliot Woo matter.
- 9-10-13 The Hydro Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met at River Valley Bank to discuss funding for the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 9-11-13 I met with Denise Lee, our new PG&E point of contact.
- 9-11-13 I participated in the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project conference call.
- 9-12-13 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the August bills and statements.

Future Meetings:

- 9-16-13 NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Woodland.

- 9-17-13 Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) to interview a General Manager candidate.
- 9-18-13 Yuba Region Robust Water Decision Making meeting at YCWA.
- 9-18-13 Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project conference call.
- 9-19-13 Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) to interview a General Manager candidate.
- 9-20-13 Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) to interview a General Manager candidate.

Projects:

Past:

1. Installed the pipeline and are completing compacted backfill on the Cross Star Trail pipeline realignment.
2. Installed a new service on the McDrip pipeline.
3. Spot sprayed along the following ditches: Dexter, Lambert, Thousand Trails and the Sicard.
4. Repaired a broken leaf spring on the mid size equipment trailer.
5. Repaired a break on the Redhill East, Fig Tree, Bald Mountain, and the Peoria pipelines.
6. Repaired a breach of the Sicard ditch bank.
7. Mechanically cleaned a section of the Lambert ditch.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Complete the Cross Star Trail (McDrip pipeline) realignment project.
3. Clean the fish screen bypass channel.

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

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

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated September 10, 2013 to Assembly Member Dan Logue from BVID regarding SB 731 Opposition Unless Amended.
- Letter dated September 10, 2013 to Auditor-Controller C. Richard Edberle from BVID regarding Request to Terminate Collection of Property Tax.

10. Closed Session: Update the Board and receive direction from the Board on labor negotiations involving Directors Bordsen and Lowe (Personnel Committee) and Operating Engineers #3; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

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

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