

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Wheeler and Woods. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the September 12, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were approved by a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Collins Lake Recreation Area: The Board will be briefed on the status of the septic system expansion project. Update only no action taken.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,146.5 ft, which is 36.5 ft below spill. This amounts to 38.68% of storage with 19,150 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 340 Kw with releases of 71.5 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,152.1 ft, which is 30.9 ft below spill (46.6% or 23,100 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 445 Kw with releases of 82.8 cfs.

Last week, Trimark (our CalISO consultant) installed a new external modem along with a new meter. Trimark was able to download and transmit to CalISO, 60 days of generation data from the old meter. CalISO is considering accepting this data for payment. The (hopefully) final CalISO meter test is scheduled for October 7th.

The 50 Kw generator has been removed from the Powerhouse and will be delivered to the repair shop in San Leandro tomorrow.

Staff Activities:

On September 18th, the Office Manager attended the quarterly JPIA HR meeting (via webinar).

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

The Army Corps of Engineers has requested a wetlands delineation of the area included in the 3,000 sq ft Mitigation Plan. Fortunately, all of the area included in the Mitigation Plan is outside of any existing wetlands. This is the good news as we could have been required to mitigate for the mitigation area, if it was in a wetland. 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.

Meetings:

Past:

- 9-16-13 I attended the NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Williams.
- 9-17, 19 & 20-13 The Personnel Committee (Directors Lowe and Bordsen) met to interview General Manager candidates.
- 9-18-13 I attended the Yuba Region Water Decision Making meeting at YCWA.
- 9-18-13 I participated in the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project conference call.
- 9-25-13 I participated in the ACWA conference call concerning ACWA's draft Statewide Water Action Plan document.

Future Meetings:

- 09-24-13 ACWA Board meeting in Oakland.
- 10-10-13 FERC workshop at SMUD (Sacramento).
- 10-07-13 Personnel Committee (Directors Lowe and Bordsen) to begin Union negotiations.
- 10-10-13 Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) to review the September bills and statements.

Projects:

Past:

1. Completed backfill and clean up of the Cross Star Trail pipeline realignment.
2. Spot sprayed along the following ditches: Palmer, Arnold, Ellis, and Finch.
3. Began cleaning the bypass channel to the John Nelson fish screen.
4. Mechanically cleaned another section of the Lambert ditch.
5. Rebuilt a section of bank on the Lower Main ditch and the Heintzen ditch.
6. Pressure washed and detailed all large equipment.
7. Moved the hoist to the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse for the removal of the small generator unit so it can be transported to a rebuild facility.
8. Replaced the bladder tank and an air vent at the top of the hill on the Redhill East pipeline.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Finish cleaning the fish screen bypass channel.

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

6. Hydro Committee Report: Concerning the Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric project. The board met with River Valley Bank to discuss possible financing for the project. No action taken.

7. The Board will consider a resolution Authorizing Assessments for Delinquent Charges to be Collected on the Yuba County Tax Rolls. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve Resolution 09-26-13-01. President Lowe then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Wheeler, Lowe, Woods and Bordsen
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: none
Resolution 09-26-13-01 passed.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated September 20, 2013 to Jennifer Polardino (FERC) from BVID regarding Partial Non-Operation Restoration Plan.
- Loma Rica / Browns Valley 2013 Survey from Hal Stocker

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.