

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018**

At 5:00pm President Wheeler called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Bordsen and Winchester. Directors Lowe and Woods were absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the September 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester. Directors Bordsen, Winchester and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods and Lowe absent, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. The Board will consider an Agreement between the District and the Peterson Brustad Inc. for design work on the Highway 20 realignment project through Browns Valley, and may direct the General Manager to execute as appropriate.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester for General Manager to execute Agreement as appropriate. Directors Bordsen, Winchester and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods and Lowe absent, motion passed.

**4. The Board will consider Special Agreement 2642.5A between the District and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for reimbursement of design work on the Highway 20 realignment project through Browns Valley, and may direct the General Manager to execute as appropriate.** A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester for General Manager to execute Agreement as appropriate. Directors Bordsen, Winchester and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods and Lowe absent, motion passed

**5.The Board will discuss the District's Equipment and Labor rates and may take action as appropriate.** Tabled

**6. The Board will discuss and provide direction to staff concerning Director compensation.** Tabled, Item to remain on future agendas

**7. The Board will consider adjusting the November and December Board meeting schedules.** A motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen to adjust the Board meeting schedules from November 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> and from December 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup>. Directors Bordsen, Winchester and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods and Lowe absent, motion passed

## 8. Manager's Report:

### COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>26,240 AF</b>	<b>53.0%</b>	<b>1,156.2 FT</b>	<b>26.8 FT</b>	83.1 CFS	<b>484 KW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	28,640 AF	57.9%	1,159.3 FT	23.7 FT	75.9 CFS	459 KW

### STAFF ACTIVITIES

Staff is working with AT&T and The Phone Smith to update the telephone and network infrastructure at the office. This will provide more reliable communications with customers as well as internally.

Staff is working with Hinman and Associates to develop the annual EAP Seminar that is scheduled at the office on 10/17/2018.

On 09/18/2018, the Manager and Admin Services Manager met with YWA staff to discuss the most recent Power Enhancement revenue. The figures were straight forward, and pending final audit in December, the 2017/2018 FY produced \$399,403.82. However, two additional items of discussion were brought up that will need to be addressed via amendment to the Agreement. YWA has begun receiving Carbon Free Energy credit from the power sale revenue. Mr. Aikens' position was that since BVID's water is part of the equation, the District is entitled to have this included in the gross revenue and for this payment period, it resulted in an additional \$7,000 +/- to BVID. Additionally, we discussed YWA's purchase of Narrows 1 and agreed that the revenue and expenses from such be included in the overall equation to BVID. YWA's justification is that they absorb any outages at Narrows 2 and the Manager's thought was that the acquisition of Narrows 1 is intended be a net gain to YWA (the costs should not exceed revenues so it should at least cancel out the expenses) so it should not adversely affect the Net Revenue Factor (in theory). YWA will begin work on an amendment to reflect those elements over the next several months.

On 09/19/2018 and 09/20/2018, the Manager attended FERC training in Portland, OR surrounding EAP Functional Exercises. The District is compelled to conduct a Functional Exercise of its EAP in 2019 and this conference was incredibly helpful. It is worth noting that this exercise will take a moderate amount of resources as other agencies will be fully involved and planning work will need to occur over the next several months.

On 09/20/2018, National High Voltage Services and Henwood Energy worked to repair the recloser that was damaged when a large rat short-circuited it. Upon disassembly, it was discovered that two additional insulators were cracked and needed replacing. Staff overnighted them, the recloser was repaired, and generation resumed.

On 09/21/2018, staff discovered a political sign installed in the ditch easement near Township Road. Staff removed the sign and returned it to the office. The candidate was notified and advised that the District does not allow political signs along the District's ditch banks. The candidate retrieved the signed at the office later that day.

Up to 0.25 inches of rain is forecast through next Wednesday. However, considering it will only be the first week of October, staff feels it is too early to consider the end of season based on this round of precipitation alone.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Accord / Groundwater Substitution Transfer**

All amendments to the Pumper's Agreements have been executed and received.

### **Caltrans Highway 20 Realignment**

On 09/14/2018, the Manager and design consultant met with Caltrans to discuss the project timeline. The project will go to bid in April of 2019 so the design work is critical if we wish to get it included with their bid package (assuming we opt for Caltrans to do the work as part of the overall project).

### **Cascade Fire**

Staff is working on closing the project to receive reimbursement for damages caused by the Cascade Fire.

### **Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project**

Staff received a letter from the USBR advising that because we were unable to secure match funding, we have become ineligible for the WaterSMART grant that the District was tentatively awarded in FY 2017. Staff expected this outcome, but hoped they would grant us an extension to leverage a loan forgiveness program we have been pursuing through the SWRCB. However, if other opportunities become available, we will reevaluate this project accordingly.

### **Virginia Ranch Dam**

GEI is continuing work on the updated inundation mapping as required by CalOES and DSOD.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 09/14/18 The Manager met with BVID's design consultant and Caltrans to discuss the Highway 20 project.
- 09/18/18 The Manager and Admin Services Manager met with YWA staff to discuss the 2017/2018 Power Enhancement Agreement figures.
- 09/19/18 – The Manager attended FERC training in Portland, OR.
- 09/21/18

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 10/17/18 Annual EAP Seminar at BVID.
- 10/17/18 Groundwater Sustainability Committee meeting. Staff will not be able to make this meeting, but would encourage a Board Member to do so if interested to represent the District.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **RECENT PROJECTS**

1. Completed repairs on the powerhouse recloser. Upon further inspection, it was found that two more insulator bushings were cracked and needed replacement.
2. Mechanically cleaned a section of the Thousand Trails Ditch.
3. Completed the replacement of the exit pipe on the 100hp pump at the river.
4. Repaired mainline breaks on Wolf Trail and on Country Trails.
5. Found and repaired a large leak on the Sicard ditch.
6. Operations staff attended a safety meeting; topic was eye and ear protection.
7. Replaced pilot controls on the KX61 excavator.

### **FUTURE PROJECTS**

1. Remove vegetation and spray right of ways, weather permitting.
2. Paint new pipe at river lift pumps.
3. Install new service on Township Road.
4. Install new service in the Monument subdivision.

### **9. Director's Comments and Reports: None**

### **10. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated September 12, 2018 to BVID from Yuba County Elections regarding appointing Directors to office.
- Letter dated September 27, 2018 to BVID from US Dept of Interior regarding Energy Efficiency Grants

### **11. Adjournment:**