

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

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 Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler and Woods. Also in attendance was Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operation Manager Tony Ward.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the September 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Harry and Jan Holland requested to receive the full 30 units available for their property at 8765 Scott Forbes Rd, Browns Valley

**3. The Board will consider adjusting the November and December Board meeting schedule.** A motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods to change the Board meetings in November and December from November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup>, and cancelling December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. The Board will receive a report on the 2018 Health Insurance Contributions.** No action taken.

**5. The Board will consider authorizing the Manager to send a letter on the District's behalf expressing support for Assembly Bill 313 to restore fairness to water rights management in California.** A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods to authorize Manager McNally to send a letter supporting AB 313. All ayes, motion passed.

**6. The Board will discuss the status of the District's rental home on Marysville Road.** No action taken.

**7. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>29,200 AF</b>	<b>59.0%</b>	<b>1,160.0 FT</b>	<b>23.0 FT</b>	<b>65.2 CFS</b>	<b>356 KW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	24,700 AF	49.9%	1,154.0 FT	29.0 FT	61.4 CFS	297 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

On 09/03/2017, an accident on Marysville Road caused one of the 100 HP pump motors at the river to fail. Staff originally thought this was due to an RV hitting the power pole, but after checking with CHP, there were no reported accidents in Browns Valley on or around that date. Staff is working with PG&E to see if they know the cause of the power outage, and we will work to file a claim accordingly. In the meantime, the motor was repaired and reinstalled.

On 09/22/2017, a major break occurred on Quail Run and caused significant damage to Administrative Service Manager Springsteen's property by way of mud, gravel and debris. The crew continues to work on the cleanup. This is being reported to the Board for the sake of avoiding any perception of BVID crews doing work on management's property.

Staff met with Caltrans on 09/27/2017 to discuss the easements and the relocation of utilities affected by the Highway 20 realignment project. After some significant pushback, the State has agreed to purchase easements on our behalf, which will ensure the District's infrastructure will not be in the State right of way, with the exception of crossings. It was also clear they will shoulder the cost of replacing all pipe, connections and any work from the service connection to personal irrigation systems, including the costs contract labor, which is what staff is recommending. One area of confusion however, is the infrastructure leading to the fire suppression pond on Heleen Bart Court. The infrastructure does not belong to BVID and is no way the District's responsibility, but staff is planning to take lead on interfacing with Caltrans to ensure the pump and pipelines are replaced since those affected landowners are BVID customers.

Staff is conducting an audit of the Mahle Pipeline and has found many discrepancies. There are large savings that have already occurred, some customers in the range of 8 – 13 units.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **FEMA Disaster Assistance**

Staff is working with FEMA staff toward closing some of the open projects from the January 2017 high water event.

### **Tennessee Ditch Hydro**

NLine has advised they received confirmation from PG&E that increasing the capacity of the generator from the original design to 550 kW would not cause further distribution cost upgrades. Nevertheless, this does not address the overall increase in interconnection costs.

### **UC / Porter Creek**

Staff has a meeting with MBK and Legal Counsel on Porter Creek on Friday, September 29, 2017.

### **Yuba River Diversion Maintenance**

On 09/18/2017 staff received the final Section 401 permit from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Permits through the Army Corps of Engineers remain outstanding.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 09/15/17      The Manager met with Mr. Lincoln Young via telephone to discuss the Collins Lake Concessionaire Agreement. The Manager has proposed that the Concessionaire Committee meet in late October or early November to 'kickoff' the Agreement process.
- 09/27/17      The Manager, the Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with Caltrans to discuss easements for the project on Highway 20.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 09/29/17 Meeting with MBK and Yuba Investments to discuss water rights at Lake Mildred.
- 09/29/17 Meeting with MBK to discuss Porter Creek.
- 10/10/17 Yuba County Board of Supervisors Meeting with BVID’s Annexation on the consent agenda.
- 10/10/17 YCWA Ad Hoc Committee and Member Unit Executive Committee Meeting.
- 10/11/17 YCWA Member Unit Meeting at YCWA (9:00 AM).

**DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

- RECENT PROJECTS
  - 1. Replaced a valve on the Mahle pipeline.
  - 2. Cut back trees on the Ellis and Sicard ditches.
  - 3. Diamond Welding and Pump installed the newly repaired 100 H.P. pump motor at the Yuba River pumping station.
  - 4. Replaced the gear head at the Redhill East pump and it is working well.
  - 5. Began the installation of the second Redhill East pumping system and installation of shut off valves for both units.
  - 6. Began the Mahle pipeline audit.
  - 7. Repaired the Peoria pipeline in the Peoria Ridge subdivision in two locations, one location included a large property clean up and gravel replacement.
- FUTURE PROJECTS
  - 1. Mechanically clean a section of the Dexter ditch.
  - 2. Finish the pump system install at Redhill East.
  - 3. Finish the valve installations at Redhill East.
  - 4. Finish the Mahle pipeline audit.

**8. Director's Comments and Reports:** None

**9. Correspondence:** None

**10. Closed Session: Conference with legal counsel--anticipated litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(a) and (d)(2) and (3); significant exposure to litigation involving one case.**

**11. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session.** No action taken.

**12. Adjournment:**