

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
OCTOBER 9, 2014**

At 5:00 pm President Bordsen called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Wheeler, Winchester and Woods. Director Lowe was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Assistant Manager McNally. Clerk Springsteen was absent.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the September 25, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester. Wheeler, Winchester, Woods and Bordsen ayes. Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum:

- Joe Martin @ 4897 Bevin Rd discussed concerns regarding neighbor allowing water to leave his property.
- Christy from Deer Ridge inquired about the status of the extension of the Peoria Pipeline.

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

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,129.2 ft, which is 53.8 ft below spill. This amounts to 17.9% of storage with 8,900 acre feet of usable supplies. The Generator is now running at 155 Kw with releases of 59.41 CFS. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,143.7 ft, which is 39.3 ft below spill (34.8% or 17,220 acre feet). The Generator was running at 320 Kw with releases of 70.9 CFS.

BVID now has SCADA "read only" capabilities from the powerhouse which are remotely accessible over the internet. The readings give us current lake level, tail water level under the power house, generation readings and the temperature inside the powerhouse.

Staff is currently upgrading and relocating the rain gauge from its location on top of the concessionaire building at Collins Lake to the roof of the powerhouse.

Yuba River:

The directional switch for the fish screen was replaced to improve reliability.

Because the pump configuration has not historically allowed for incremental flows consistent with limited diversions this winter, staff installed two (2) bypass valves at

the pumps on the Yuba River to allow for improved control. A third valve is also scheduled for install. BVID will only be permitted to divert 13 CFS in December, 10 CFS in January and 7.3 CFS in February. Prior to the bypass valves, we were limited to either 9.5 CFS or 17 CFS with no true adjustment in between.

Staff Activities:

Staff is currently recruiting to fill a fulltime position.

On September 30, 2014, staff was scheduled to meet with the State Water Resources Control Board and MBK to inspect the Mahle, Olive Hill and lower Browns Valley ditches. The inspector failed to show up at the meeting, but called several hours later asking to reschedule for a later, yet undetermined date. MBK subsequently followed up with the SWRCB and they cannot locate the original complaint.

O'Brien Pipeline:

The pipeline work is complete and PG&E has installed both the transformer and wires to the service. The final step is for PG&E to install the meter so the electrician to verify the pump rotation before the system can become be operational.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

Term sheets have been sent to the Karlshoej and Coughlin families regarding easement negotiations and staff has been in communication with the County about similarly amenable conditions. Staff is awaiting a response from each.

Saddleback Lift Pump:

Staff has reviewed the draft CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration and returned comments to the consultant.

Water Transfers:

Groundwater pumping continues with our DSO reading meters weekly. As of October 06, 2014, the District has pumped 1,191 Acre Feet out of a total allocation of 2,649 Acre Feet. BVID has pumped 261 Acre Feet of that amount.

Meetings:

Past:

- 09-30-14 The Manager and Assistant Manager met with a DWR inspector to verify the diesel to electric conversion on the Ahart property.
- 10-02-14 The Manager and Assistant Manager met with Terry Stevens and Peggy Stevens to discuss their water right on Little Dry Creek and to determine if they are using BVID water beyond their water right.
- 10-03-14 The Assistant Manager and Operations Manager attended an open house event at Metal Works in Oroville. Metal Works is a vendor from who we buy much of our metal products.
- 10-08-14 The Manager and Assistant Manager attended a meeting at DWR regarding water transfers.

Future Meetings:

- 10-16-14 Meeting with an engineering firm to discuss project management services associated with the Dry Creek Recapture project.
- 10-20-14 ACWA Region 2 and 4 Legislative conference call.
- 10-22-14 IRWMP Meeting at YCWA.
- 10-23-14 BVID five year Functional EAP Exercise
- 12-01-14 Annual Fall ACWA Conference in San Diego.

Projects:

Past:

1. Repaired a leak on the Hill Road pipeline.
2. Replaced a culvert on the lower Heintzen ditch.
3. Repaired a diesel leak on the KX-121 excavator and replaced u-joints on truck #4.
4. Rebuilt the dump truck tailgate and rear of the bed.
5. Provided new employees with a tour of the powerhouse and toe drain system at Virginia Ranch Dam.

Future Projects:

1. Repair eight leaks on the Abel pipeline.
2. Fix the leak at the Harding Canal above the Pietz ranch as soon as the water is shut down for the season.
3. Clear the path for the lower Ellis pipeline

5. Concerning the current drought conditions. The Board discussed the ending of the irrigation season. No action taken.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence: None

8. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, President Bordsen adjourned the meeting.