

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
OCTOBER 11, 2012**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the September 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. 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 September and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of September. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,148.4 ft, which is 34.6 ft below spill. This amounts to 41.4% of storage with 20,480 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 320 KW with releases of 68.7 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,161.1 ft, which is 21.9 ft below spill (60.7% or 30,070 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 255 KW with releases of 55.3 cfs.

Henwood Energy:

Mark Henwood of Henwood Energy informed the District that both of his grant applications for generation experiments with the Department of Energy had been rejected. He is considering his options concerning other ways to proceed.

Staff Activities:

The Operations Manager met with Scott Wood (JPIA) for a site visit on October 3, 2012.

Four crew members attended a free excavator safety meeting in Chico on October 11, 2012.

Cal ISO:

We are making progress in the effort to get the Powerhouse connected to Cal ISO. The panels and equipment at the meter pole are now installed (less the Cal ISO meter itself) and we are waiting for PG&E engineering to approve the connection of the Cal ISO meter to PG&E's meter. We also need to install new overhead Cat-6 (outdoor) cable from the meter pole to the Powerhouse. That work is scheduled for next week.

PG&E Time-of-Use:

The District has been notified that we will be switching to Time-of-Use metering for all of our electric meters, including the Office/Shop. At this point in time, we are not planning any changes to operations, but may have to start thinking about shop fabrication during summer afternoons.

2012 Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer:

DWR has yet to confirm the actual quantities of water transferred through the Delta by the various sellers this year. As soon as we receive that confirmation, we will invoice Dudley Ridge for the amount moved, including the carriage losses which are rumored to be as high as 30% this year.

BVID's Yuba River Power Enhancement Agreement:

YCWA has inquired with PG&E as to the status of the (agreed to but not yet executed) bridge amendment for the District's Pre-1914 water that passes through both Colgate and the Narrows powerhouses. PG&E has not yet responded to the inquiry.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

Mead & Hunt has completed the survey of Dry Creek and the area just west of the Creek and is in the process of finalizing the footprint of the project. This change in diversion structures (from an infiltration gallery) may require some additional CEQA work. Also, the GIS/Planner is preparing an updated list of landowners and their contact information as we move into the easement gathering process.

The Prop 50 grant is currently scheduled to end on May 31, 2013 but is being extended for both ours and a few other projects. We have not yet received the contract for the Prop 204 grant but will get that moving forward.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project:

The consulting team is working through the data we provided to them and expects to have definitive results the week of October 22nd.

Water Use Reporting:

DWR is in the process of implementing AB 1404, from 2007 (now water code section 531) which requires annual reports of "aggregated farm-gate delivery data" on a monthly or bimonthly basis (for those ag water suppliers delivering 2,000 af or to 2,000 acres, or more). While our acre-feet water is already tracked and billed on a monthly basis, reporting for the production ag Unit users will need to be figured out.

Leaky Sicard Ditch:

While most of this very long ditch is prone to leaks, we are having issues with a section at the lower end of the Sicard ditch. Brenda Jekov at 9516 Palomino (just below the ditch) is complaining that several large leaks are flooding a significant portion of her parcel. The fix is fairly easy in that we have in stock, 300' of used 18" PVC that will be just long enough to solve the issue.

Meetings:

Past:

- 09-28-12 I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 10-11-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the September bills and statements.

Future Meetings:

- 10-12-12 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at GCID in Willows.
- 10-18-12 Yuba Accord Technical Committee meeting concerning groundwater/surface water interaction.
- 10-22-12 ACWA Legislative Subcommittee conference call.

Projects:

Past:

1. Repaired a break on the McDrip and Redhill West pipelines.
2. Repaired a leak on the Mahle pipeline.
3. Continued spraying cattails on the Pumpline canal and Thousand Trails ditch.
4. Continued mechanical cleaning of the Sicard ditch.
5. Completed the shut off list for delinquent customers.
6. Installed conduit and a temporary phone enclosure box at Virginia Ranch Dam to house Cal ISO phone equipment.
7. Changed the belts on the KX121excavator.
8. Delivered the Bobcat T-300 skid steer to Bobcat West of Sacramento to have an electrical problem repaired.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Continue ditch cleaning.
3. Remove the temporary phone enclosure box from the meter pole and relocate it to the Powerhouse when the Cat-6 line is installed.
4. Flush wharf valves and blowouts.
5. Exercise main line valves.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Bordsen inquired as to the status of the draft policy for operations of the Hydro Electric Plant and Virginia Ranch Dam.

5. Correspondence:

- Thank you card from Bill & Toni Willis regarding the dam party.
- Letter dated October 5, 2012 to Ellen Martin-ACWA from NCWA regarding nomination of Paul Bartkiewicz for 2012 Emissary Award.

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