

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
OCTOBER 24, 2015**

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 Winchester and Woods. Director Lowe and Wheeler was absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Winchester. Directors Woods, Bordsen and Winchester ayes. Director Lowe and Wheeler absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. 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 Winchester moved to approve Resolution 10-22-15-01
President Bordsen then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Woods, Winchester and Bordsen
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: Lowe and Wheeler
Resolution 10-22-15-01 passed

4. The Board will consider a water rate study pursuant to Proposition 218. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Winchester for staff to develop a water rate study for up to 5 years pursuant to Proposition 218. Directors Woods, Bordsen and Winchester ayes. Director Lowe and Wheeler absent, motion passed.

5. The Board will discuss the BVID History Book. Discussion only, no action taken.

6. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	2,520 AF	5.1%	1,115.4 FT	67.6 FT	54.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	7,100 AF	14.3%	1,125.6 FT	57.4 FT	52.6 CFS	124 KW
<i>DIFFERENCE</i>	<i>-4,580 AF</i>		<i>-10.2 FT</i>		<i>1.4 CFS</i>	<i>-124 KW</i>

This season we have seen average releases of 129 AF per day, which is 19 acre-feet less per day than last year for same period of time (148 AF for 181 days). In addition, for the first 181 days of the season, the District has delivered 23,266 AF opposed to 26,089 AF in 2014. That is a difference of 2,823 AF.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On October 19, 2015, a seal ruptured in one of the main bearings of the generator. Don Moss removed the cooling assembly to discover a leak and a tremendous amount of build-up in the cooling tubes. I (Manager) requested that Mr. Moss also remove the two remaining assemblies as well so all three can be refurbished at the same time in hope of avoiding this problem during periods of significant generation. The first unit is currently at Capitol Machine in Sacramento to determine both the best method as well as the cost to repair.

Staff intends to apply for a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to develop a new Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP), which is due to DWR July 1, 2016. As per the Governor's drought order, the AWMP will also include the District's detailed drought management plan.

Sackheim Consulting has been hired to perform the revision of BVID's Emergency Action Plan (EAP) as well as conduct the required "face to face" meeting tentatively scheduled December 9, 2015 at 9:00 AM. The Plan is due to FERC no later than December 31, 2015.

With Collins Lake at a record low, staff intends to hire an aerial photographer to take pictures of the reservoir. The assumption is that during the week of October 26, 2015 the lake will be at its lowest point.

On October 20, 2015, Beymer Well Service installed a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) on the District's 125 HP pump on the Yuba River.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Saddleback Lift Pump

The trenching and conduit is installed and is awaiting for the line to be pulled by PG&E which will likely occur next week. The precast pad for the panel has been purchased and an engineer scheduled for compaction testing. The VFD is in stock at Beymer Well Service.

Dry Creek Recapture Project

Staff is working with DWR for project closeout.

PAST MEETINGS

- 10/13/15 Director Bordsen and the Manager met with YCWA Management to discuss the Power Enhancement Agreement.
- 10/20/15 The Manager participated in conference call with DWR to discuss closing out the Proposition 50 grant for the Dry Creek Recapture project.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 10/26/15 YCWA Member Unit Meeting.
- 10/26/15 Meeting with Curt Aikens and Steve Grinnell to discuss the Power Enhancement Agreement.
- 12/01/15 The 2015 ACWA Fall Conference is scheduled for December 1-4, 2015 in Indian Wells, CA (Palm Springs area). If any of the Board would like to attend, please let staff know prior to November 2, 2015.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
1. Completed the PG&E / Saddleback lift pump Conduit installation and passed the mandrel pull inspection. Continued work on the transformer pad, electric panel, and the pump motor installation.
 2. Continued delivery of rice decomposition water.
 3. Flushed the 125+ District wharf valves.
 4. Sicard ditch is off as of 10/22/15.
 5. Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse is down due to a failure of the main bearing heat exchanger. Don Moss of Henwood and Associates is in the process of finding a repair shop for the exchanger.
 6. Beymer Well Service completed the installation of the variable frequency drive for the 125 h.p. pump at the Yuba River pumping station.
 7. Repaired breaks on the Bald Mountain, Finch, Hill Road, and Redhill East pipelines.

- FUTURE PROJECTS
1. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.
 2. Work on Saddleback lift pump electrification project.
 3. Begin setting the District up for winter.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence: None

9. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving BVID's Pre-1914 appropriate water rights; Ryan McNally, District negotiator(s), will negotiate with Yuba County Water Agency for a lease of BVID's pre-1914 water right for power generation purposes. Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include price, terms of payment, or both.

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

11. Adjournment: