

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
OCTOBER 26, 2017**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 16, 2017 Special Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler. Directors Wheeler, Winchester and Bordsen ayes, Directors Lowe and Woods absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will discuss the 2017 Irrigation Season. No action taken

4. The Board will discuss vacation accruals as reflected in the Memorandum of Understanding and may take action as appropriate. No action taken.

5. The Board will consider adopting Resolution 10-26-17-01 commending District staff for their efforts in responding to the Cascade Fire. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester moved to approve Resolution 10-26-17-01 with copies given to each employee and a copy in personnel files. President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Bordsen & Wheeler
 NOES: none
 ABSTAIN: none
 ABSENT: Directors Lowe & Woods
 Resolution 10-26-17-01 Passed

6. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY*	25,240 AF	51.0%	1,154.9 FT	28.1 FT	59.3 CFS	287 KW
1 YEAR AGO	22,580 AF	45.6%	1,151.4 FT	31.6 FT	0.0 CFS	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On 10/18/2017, YCWA advised of necessary reductions in fall river diversions due to regulatory flow requirements. This request would have resulted in BVID diverting 36 cfs in October and 25 cfs in November, significantly less than our water right of 47.2 cfs and 35 cfs for those months, respectively. After reviewing the Agreement, the Manager called into question the validity of those reductions since

they affect the District's senior water right, otherwise measured at Slate Creek. YCWA has advised they will consult Legal Counsel for interpretation of the Agreement and how it applies to Fall allocations for the Member Units with water rights. Nevertheless, YCWA had subsequently rescinded the request to decrease diversions due to releases from Lake Wildwood hitting the Yuba River.

On 10/24/2017, the Olive Hill Pipeline (21") broke near Loma Rica Road. Because that pipeline has no valves to isolate the repair, the crew had to spill 10 CFS from the Olive Hill Ditch into Prairie Creek near the Old Bridge Road and then reduce releases at the dam and the head of the Olive Hill Ditch by the same amount. The approved repair window per USA is on Thursday, 10/26/2017. The District will also need to repair a driveway damaged in the break.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Caltrans Highway 20 Realignment

Staff is currently reviewing easement proposals to ensure they meet the needs of the District.

Cascade Fire

Staff has submitted the required Request for Public Assistance (RPA) to CalOES.

As of 10/18/2017, all service had been restored with the exception of Los Verjeles and some individual services that were damaged as a result of the fire.

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

Staff met with NLine Energy and they are proposing to resize the project to 499 kW based on the capacity associated with the interconnection charges. Projects over 500 kW require additional requirements from FERC that are not cost effective for projects this size.

Because the next step would be to secure a funding source to see if this project will remain cash flow positive before refile for an interconnection, the Manager met with YCWA to gauge their willingness to assist with the favorable financing terms necessary to ensure the project is cash flow positive. Ahead of the meeting, the Manager provided a project overview to Mr. Aikens, of which he conferred with two independent consultants. They each concluded the project to be high risk with low potential for revenue, especially over the 25-year term required. It is their opinion that O&M costs are tremendously understated and power prices are optimistic which would erode an already very narrow profit margin. As such, YCWA is very reluctant to assist with the project with the multimillions dollar, 0%-1% financing needed, especially with the unknowns of relicensing costs for YCWA over the next several years. Mr. Aikens will follow up with written correspondence. The Manager intends to bring this to the Board for direction at the November 16, 2017 meeting.

PAST MEETINGS

- 10/17/17 The Manager met with Hinman Consulting to discuss the EAP process.
- 10/18/17 The Manager met with Yuba County OES to discuss access issues during emergencies.
- 10/23/17 The Manager met with YCWA General Manager Curt Aikens to discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydro project.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 11/02/17 The Manager will attend the final ACWA/JPIA Leadership Course class in Roseville.
- 11/03/17 Meeting with Katie Burdick to discuss the IRWMP and project planning at BVID.
- 11/08/17 Meeting with Katie Burdick to discuss the IRWMP and project planning at YCWA.
- 11/09/17 Meeting with DSOD to inspect the spillway.
- 11/16/17 BVID Board of Directors meeting.
- TBD A kickoff meeting to discuss the Collins Lake Lease Agreement.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
1. Replaced many valves and air vents in the Loma Rica and Browns Valley burned areas.
 2. Removed the timbers and burned pipe from the Thousand Trails flumes.
 3. Continued with the service and pipe repairs due to the fire.
 4. Completed the B.I.T. inspection of the Freightliner dump truck.
 5. Repaired a break at the Mahle pipeline.
- 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.
 5. Work on the damage caused by the Cascade fire.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence:

- Letter dated October 4, 2017 to MBK from SWRCB regarding Phase II Update on the Bay Delta Plan
- Letter dated October 23, 2017 to Randy Fletcher (Yuba County Board of Supervisor) from BVID regarding Cascade Fire.

9. Adjournment: