

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 13, 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, Assistant Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 23, 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: None

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

Director Lowe Arrived 5:10pm

4. Proposal: The Board received a proposal for researching and publishing a historical record of the Browns Valley Irrigation District and consider action to move forward. A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods moved to proceed with the proposal as presented. Wheeler, Winchester, Woods and Bordsen ayes. Director Lowe abstained, motion passed.

5. Executive Committee Report: Concerning the possibility of continuing the Assistant General Manager position as a Project Manager. Discussion only.

6. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,125.1 ft, which is 57.9 ft below spill. This amounts to 13.8% of storage with 6,850 acre feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases at 1 CFS. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,135.5 ft, which is 47.5 ft below spill (24.9% or 12,350 acre feet). The Generator was running at 185 Kw with releases of 54.1 CFS.

2014's releases were 25% less than in 2013.

The SWRCB has lifted storage curtailments at Collins Lake.

With the lake at its lowest level, staff has rescheduled Big Valley Divers to dive near the dam to inspect the intake structure for the week of November 17, 2014.

Staff is going to do a rough depth sounding of Collins Lake to determine the extent of siltation which has accumulated since the reservoir's completion.

Yuba River:

Pump efficiency tests were performed on each of the four (4) pumps on the Yuba River:

- Pump W (100hp) - 71%
- Pump X (125hp) - 55%
- Pump Y (50hp) - 56%
- Pump Z (100hp) - 47%

Staff Activities:

Staff has interviewed five (5) applicants for the Utility Worker position and expects to make a final decision on Friday, November 14, 2014.

Staff mailed a letter to the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers protesting their proposed rule to include canals and ditches as "Waters of the United States."

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) conducted an inspection of several ditches throughout the District on November 6, 2014 and seemed satisfied with their findings. A formal report will follow.

The Consumer Price Index for West Urban 50,000 - 1,500,000 was 1.6 for the period from September 2013 through September 2014. Per the MOU, the cost of living allowance (COLA) for BVID is 2.5 if the CPI is 2.5 or less.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

Term sheets have been sent to the Karlshoej and Coughlin families regarding easement negotiations. Staff is awaiting responses from each.

Saddleback Lift Pump:

Comments for the CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration have been returned to the consultant.

Water Transfers:

Groundwater pumping continues in Zone 4 with our DSO reading meters weekly. As of November 7, 2014, the District has pumped 2,296 AF out of a total allocation of 2,649 AF. The BVID well is off and has pumped 345 AF (95 AF more than estimated). As of today, Zone 1 has pumped its entire allocation and it is estimated there is less than 300 AF remaining to pump in Zone 4.

The second check from the Conserved Water Transfer has arrived from the Dudley Ridge Water District in the amount of \$720,750.00.

The first check from the Groundwater Substitution Program arrived from the Yuba County Water Agency in the amount of \$548,343.00 and each of the pumpers have been paid approximately 55% of their share so far.

Meetings:**Past:**

- 10-24-14 The Manager attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 11-10-14 The Manager attended a conference call with the ACWA Energy Committee, Legislative Subcommittee.
- 11-12-14 Director Bordsen, the Manager and Assistant Manager attended a Member Unit meeting at the Yuba County Water Agency.
- 11-13-14 The Manager and Assistant Manager attended a conference call with DWR to discuss the grant status for the Dry Creek Recapture project.

Future Meetings:

- 11-17-14 NCWA Water Management Task Force Meeting in Sacramento.
- 11-21-14 ACWA Board Meeting in Sacramento.
- 12-01-14 Annual Fall ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 12-17-14 YCWA Member Unit Meeting in Marysville.

Projects:**Past:**

1. Repaired six leaks on the Abel pipeline.
2. Started piping the Harding Canal above the Pietz ranch.
3. The Operations Manager assisted with a flow test of the Yuba River lift pumps.
4. Repaired a break on the Finch pipeline and four leaks on the Hill Road pipeline.
5. Mechanically cleaned the lower end of the Thousand Trails ditch.
6. Installed a diesel meter at the fuel containment in the District's yard due to off road diesel use reporting.
7. Installed air vent covers and a roof over the variable frequency drive on the O'Brien drought relief pipeline.

Future Projects:

1. Repair three leaks on the Abel pipeline.
2. Fix the leak at the Harding Canal above the Pietz ranch.
3. Continue cleaning the Thousand Trails ditch.

7. The Board will consider a resolution Authorizing Assessments for Delinquent Charges to be Collected on the Yuba County Tax Rolls. Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve Resolution 11-13-14-01 Assessments for Delinquent Charges. President Bordsen then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Wheeler, Lowe, Winchester, Bordsen and Woods
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: none

8. The Board will consider moving forward with a water rate study pursuant to Proposition 218. After discussion the Board consensus was to not consider a water rate increase for 2015.

9. Concerning the current drought conditions. Discussion only.

10. Director's Comments and Reports: President Bordsen reported that Supervisor Elect Randy Fletcher is looking forward to working with BVID in the future with regards to additional water storage.

11. Correspondence:

- Letter dated November 14, from BVID to USEPA and USACE regarding “waters of the US”

12. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiators involving the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of District’s non-consumptive water right for power generation. The Board will provide direction to District negotiators, Walter Cotter and Ryan McNally, for negotiations with Yuba County Water Agency for a long-term lease of BVID’s water right. Instructions to the negotiators may include price, terms of payment, or both. (See Government Code sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8.)

13. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. Discussion only, no action taken.

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