

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 25, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen. 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 October and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of October. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,146.4 ft, which is 36.6 ft below spill. This amounts to 38.5% of storage with 19,080 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 1.0 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,158.1 ft, which is 24.9 ft below spill (56.1% or 27,770 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 3.0 cfs.

We have finally received approval from FERC for the FERC requested core boring of the area just east of the bridge over the spillway. This core boring is to double check the compaction of the area that had compaction issues just after the Dam was constructed and will take place on December 5th.

Staff Activities:

Two employees attended a pesticide training meeting on November 6th.

Cal ISO:

While the Cat 6 cable is not yet installed from the top of the Dam to the Powerhouse, we have scheduled an electrician to come up and look at and schedule the project. In the mean time, PG&E has completed the wiring to tie the CalISO meter to the PG&E meter.

BVID's Yuba River Power Enhancement Agreement:

I have inquired to Curt Akins (YCWA) as to the status of this agreement (within PG&E) but have not heard back.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

After further review by the attorney, we have determined that we will in fact need to apply to the SWRCB for a new point of redirection for this project. We will work closely with both MBK Engineers and BKS as we work through this process.

Staff has put together a list of landowners and their contact information along with maps of the planned pipeline route for the easement acquisition portion of this project.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project:

To be covered under the Hydro Committee agenda item.

Winter Water Contract:

There has been no activity since the last Board meeting.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 2012 Biological Opinion:

This is for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Daguerre Point Dam and Englebright Dam. Both YCWA and South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) have (separately) filed 60 day notices of intent to sue over errors and violations from the February 29, 2012 document. Both YCWA and SYRCL have indicated that they desire to work through the issues during the 60 day period.

Meetings:

Past:

- 10-26-12 I attended the NCWA Breakfast Forum in Yuba City.
- 10-30-12 The Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss the Operations policy and the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 11-02-12 I participated in NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 11-5 through 11-9-12 I was on vacation.
- 11-06-12 Director Winchester attended the Accord member unit meeting at YCWA.
- 11-15-12 I attended a breakfast meeting with both Dudley Ridge WD and Santa Clara VWD in Sacramento to discuss long term Conserved Water Transfer planning.
- 11-15-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the October bills and statements.
- 11-15-12 The Personnel Committee (Directors Lowe and Bordsen) met to discuss wage adjustments for staff.

Future Meetings:

- 11-16-12 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 11-19 through 11-21-12 I will be on vacation.
- 11-28-12 Yuba Accord Technical Committee meeting in Sacramento concerning groundwater/surface water interaction.
- 11-30-12 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 12-03-12 JPIA Board meeting in San Diego.
- 12-04-12 ACWA Energy Committee meeting in San Diego.
- 12-05 through 12-07-12 ACWA Fall Conference in San Diego.

- 12-13-12 FERC Annual Face-to-Face meeting in Wheatland.
- 12-13-12 Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) to review the November bills and statements.

Projects:

Past:

1. Refinished the doors on the wheel house and powerhouse at Virginia Ranch Dam powerhouse.
2. Installed 300' of 18" pipe along the lower end of the Sicard Ditch.
3. Presented a safety meeting on the topics of eye safety, shop clean up, and safe tree removal.
4. Completed the FCC required Narrow Banding 2-Way Radio change over.
5. Repaired a break on the Bald Mountain pipeline and cleaned up a repair on the Peoria pipeline.
6. Sprayed the District yard and office area, a section of the Ellis ditch, and a section of the Palmer ditch.
7. Removed the gauging station from Dry Creek.
8. Repaired two broken hydraulic lines on the Bobcat skid steer.
9. Winterized the District pumps.
10. Replaced the diesel transfer pump on truck #9.

Future Projects:

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

5. A resolution Authorizing Assessments for Delinquent Charges to be Collected on the Yuba County Tax Rolls.

Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve Resolution 11-15-12-01 Yuba County Assessments. President Lowe then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Wheeler, Lowe, and Bordsen

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Woods

Resolution 11-15-12-01 passed.

6. Board will consider the budget for the electrification of the Saddleback Lift Pump. Tabled

7. Hydro Committee Report:

- Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to accept the Policy (as presented and attached) for Hydroelectric Generation at Virginia Ranch Dam. All ayes, motion passed.
- Concerning the Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric Project. Discussion only no action taken.

8. Personnel Committee Report: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the same MOU specified 1.5% COLA plus 1.5% wage adjustment for District Admin staff effective January 1, 2013. All ayes motion passed.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Bordsen commented as to possibly making changes to the pay dates in 2013 to better track time off, overtime and possibly offer direct deposit. He suggested that the adjustment occur during the 3rd pay period in March 2013.

10. Correspondence: None

11. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, President Lowe adjourned the meeting.