

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
DECEMBER 11, 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, Woods and Lowe. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter, Assistant Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the November 13, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, 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 November and found everything to be in order. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of November. All ayes, motion passed.

4. The Board will consider adopting the Browns Valley Irrigation District 2013 Independent Auditor's Report. After presentation by John Blomberg (auditor) a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe moved to accept the 2013 Independent Audit Report. All ayes, motion passed.

5. The Board will consider a wage adjustment for staff not otherwise covered by the Memorandum of Understanding. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the same MOU specified 2.5% COLA wage adjustment for District Admin staff effective January 1, 2015. All ayes motion passed.

6. The Board will consider delegating a Director to serve as the elected representative for the Browns Valley Irrigation District when working with the Yuba County Water Agency Member Units. After discussion, a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, appointed President Bordsen and Director Winchester as alternate to serve as the elected representatives. All ayes, motion passed.

7. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,133.5 ft, which is 49.5 ft below spill. This amounts to 22.6% of storage with 11,200 acre feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases at 1 CFS. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,134.5 ft, which is 48.5 ft below spill (23.6% or 11,700 acre feet). The Generator was off with releases at 3 CFS.

Big Valley Divers inspected the Collins Lake intake structure on November 17, 2014. Based on the degree of corrosion, there remains an estimated 50 year lifespan on the intake grate.

On November 17, 2014 and November 18, 2014, with the help of Director Lowe and his boat, the GIS Planner surveyed Collins Lake for the depth in a number of locations. Preliminary work indicates that siltation has caused the loss of around 60 to 100 acre feet, or roughly 0.001% of storage.

On November 26, 2014 the Assistant Manager, Operations Manager and Distribution System Operator conducted safety inspection of the dam with the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD).

Yuba River:

The pumps are currently off due to the rain.

Staff Activities:

The Assistant Manager attended the Yuba County Board of Supervisors meeting on December 09, 2014 regarding the updated marijuana ordinance. County Counsel briefed the Board on BVID's interests regarding access onto properties as well as water theft to make sure they are addressed.

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 has ended per YCWA. The final numbers are as follows:

Zone 1: Pumped 2,001 AF out of 1,863 AF allocation (138 AF overage)

Zone 4: Pumped 700 AF out of 786 AF allocation (86 AF shortage)

Meetings:

Past:

- 11-17-14 The Assistant Manager attended the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Management meeting at the Yolo County Flood Control District in Woodland.
- 11-17-14 The Manager attended a NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 11-19-14 Director Bordsen, the Manager and Assistant Manager attended a groundwater allocation meeting with the new consultant at the Yuba County Water Agency. The consultant is serving as a neutral mediator through negotiations between the Member Units.

- 11-19-14 The Manager and Assistant Manager attended a meeting with the historical book authors in Chico.
- 11-19-14 Director Winchester attended a NCWA Board meeting at the YCWA.
- 11-25-14 The Manager and Assistant Manager attended an Accord Executive Committee meeting at the YCWA.
- 12-01-14 The Manager and Assistant Manager attended the ACWA Winter Conference in San Diego through December 5, 2014.
- 12-09-14 The Manager and Assistant Manager met with the historical book authors at the office.
- 12-09-14 The Assistant Manager attended the Yuba County Board of Supervisors meeting to hear the proposed marijuana ordinance.
- 12-09-14 The Manager and Assistant Manager met with a prospective consultant for project management on the Dry Creek Recapture Project.

Future Meetings:

- 12-16-14 Meeting at the Bureau of Reclamation regarding long term water transfers.
- 12-17-14 YCWA Member Unit Meeting in Marysville.
- 01-08-15 BVID Finance Committee Meeting.
- 01-08-15 BVID Board of Directors Meeting.

Projects Past:

1. Repaired a break on the Ellis pipeline.
2. Mechanically cleaned the mid-section of the Thousand Trails ditch.
3. Removed more than a dozen fallen trees from the Heintzen, Lower Main, Arnold, and Sicard ditches.
4. Rebuilt an ATV trailer.
5. Completed a brake job on truck #2 and an oil change for the KX61 excavator.
6. Completed the 90day B.I.T. inspection of the dump truck.
7. Repaired three leaks on the Abel pipeline.
8. Repaired the garage lighting, back door knob, and shower head at the District rental.
9. Kevin Shrader, Louis Powell, and David Deniz attended a pesticide license training class in Sacramento on 12-4-2014.
10. Added a 4" blowout valve at the Yuba River pumping station.
11. Installed a new service on the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline.
12. Installed new tracks on the Bobcat 331 excavator.

Future Projects:

1. Fix the leak at the Harding Canal above the Pietz ranch weather permitting.
2. Continue cleaning the upper end of the Thousand Trails ditch.
3. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated November 18, 2014 from Collins Lake to BVID regarding Capital Improvements.
- Memo dated December 8, 2014 to Board Members from Manager Cotter regarding Fall 2014 ACWA Conference activities.
- Memo dated December 11, 2014 to Board Members from Asst Manager McNally regarding Fall 2014 ACWA Conference activities.

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

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