

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
DECEMBER 13, 2018**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the November 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen. Directors Woods, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Winchester absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report:

Concerning the Financial Report for November 2018. Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of November and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve the financial reports for the month of November. Directors Woods, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Winchester absent, motion passed.

4. The Board will consider a wage adjustment for staff not otherwise covered by the Memorandum of Understanding. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve a COLA wage adjustment for staff not covered in the MOU. Directors Woods, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Winchester absent, motion passed.

5. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	21,180 AF	42.8%	1,149.4 FT	33.6 FT	0.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	28,960 AF	58.5%	1,159.7 FT	23.3 FT	0.0 CFS	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Health insurance rates will see a modest increase in 2019 at an additional \$35.03 per month per employee, or a \$5,464.68 per year total increase including applicable retirees.

On 12/12/2018, the SWRCB met in Sacramento to discuss unimpaired flow requirements and consider settlements, including those proposed by YWA (which will dramatically affect water supply in Yuba County). Despite the Governor’s insistence that the SWRCB accept the voluntary concessions, they moved forward with staff’s recommendation to impose a 40% unimpaired flow requirement on the San Joaquin rivershed. The SWRCB has not yet ruled on the Sacramento rivershed, but staff is

recommending a 55% unimpaired flow requirement. The governor's office has accepted YWA's preferred proposal to stave off the flow requirement, but the SWRCB has yet to consider it. Such a flow requirement will be devastating to irrigation districts and farmers statewide.

The grant package for the Sicard Pipeline and Pumpline Canal projects is nearly complete and staff intends to submit it before the end of the year.

Staff received word from NCWA that despite their best efforts, our unified attempt to overturn the water rights fees was defeated in court. BVID has paid these under protest since the lawsuits were filed but per NCWA's advice, they will be paid without protest moving forward.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Accord / Groundwater Substitution

The second and final payment was received for the 2018 GWS program; staff will mail checks to the pumpers on 12/14/2018. Staff has also prepared a \$27,560 check to the Yuba River Endowment program that is the 5% held from each of the pumper's revenue.

Annexation

The annexation appears to be complete from a local and LAFCO standpoint, all fees were paid to BOE and we are awaiting final determination.

Caltrans Highway 20 Realignment

Staff has processed and requested the first progress payment from Caltrans for design work in the amount of \$23,380.86.

Cascade Fire

Staff is working with CalOES to verify expenses associated with the tree removal on the Mahle, Finch and Browns Valley Main ditches.

SB 88

MBK has submitted the alternative compliance plan for Tennessee Creek.

Virginia Ranch Dam

Staff has renewed the District's agreement with Kleinschmidt to serve as our Dam Safety Engineer as well as prepare the 2019 DSSMR for a cost not to exceed **\$15,000**. Unfortunately, Kleinschmidt cannot complete the 2019 Part 12D due to FERC regulations not allowing the same consultant to prepare the report for more than two consecutive periods (Kleinschmidt did this for BVID in 2009 and 2014).

Staff received only one response from consultants for the 2019 Part 12D inspection and report. RFP's were mailed to the following independent consultants:

- Mead and Hunt;
- W.D. Edwards Consulting;
- GEI Consultants;
- CH2M Hill;
- HDR;

- SAGE Engineers.

GEI Consultants was the only prospective bidder at **\$59,695**, plus an additional **\$6,600** for required ultrasonic testing of the penstock as well as \$25,000 to conduct an external audit of the District's ODSP (also required in 2019). Staff will move forward with GEI for the Part 12D inspection and report, as well as the ultrasonic testing, but will prepare another RFP for an independent audit of the ODSP. No other consultants submitted a bid package and Mead and Hunt was the only other firm who responded, but stated their workload would not allow them to deliver the product as requested.

Northstar Engineering will begin its biannual Virginia Ranch Dam Monitoring Survey the second week of January, as well as install dedicated survey pins on the boat ramp at 5-foot intervals at **\$8,500**.

PAST MEETINGS

- 11/16/18 The Manager attended a meeting at Caltrans to discuss the Highway 20 realignment project.
- 11/16/18 The Manager met with YWA to discuss Member Units' projects.
- 11/26/18 The Manager met with YWA Directors Bradford, Leahy and Lofton at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 11/27/18 The Manager met with the District's Highway 20 design consultant Karl Brustad at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 11/27/18 The Manager met with GEI at the ACWA Conference in San Diego to discuss future CEQA and NEPA work for the Conserved Water Transfer.
- 11/28/18 The Manager met with YWA Director Vasquez at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 11/28/18 The Manager met with YWA Manager Curt Aikens and Paul Bartkiewicz at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 11/28/18 The Manager met with YWA Project Manager Willie Whittlesley at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 11/29/18 The Manager met with WDCWA General Manager Tim Busch at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 12/05/18 The Manager attended a groundwater management workshop at YWA.
- 12/05/18 The Manager attended a regional water needs workshop at North Yuba Water District.
- 12/10/18 The Manager attended a Delta settlement meeting at YWA.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 12/20/18 Staff is meeting with BVID's design consultant and a landowner on Stacy Ann to discuss the Highway 20 realignment project.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

RECENT PROJECTS

1. Completed installation of new pipe line from Township Road to Dry Creek Bridge.
2. Removed downed tree on Olive Hill Ditch.
3. Repaired 8” mainline valve on the Upper Main Pipeline.
4. Replaced and repaired electrical system on pipe trailer.
5. Inspected Upper Main Pipeline, and cleared around fixtures.
6. Built and installed new walkways for a spill on the Olive Hill ditch.
7. Started installing the next section of pipe at Dry Creek-Peoria Bridge.

FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Remove vegetation and maintain right of ways, weather permitting.
2. Continue winter ditch maintenance and cleaning.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence:

- Email dated November 29, 2018 to BVID from David Guy regarding SWRCB Water Right Fees
- Letter dated November 30, 2018 to Water Rights Fee Payers from Somach Simmons & Dunn regarding Dismissing Water Rights Fees Litigation
- Letter dated November 30, 2018 to BVID from Collins Lake Recreation regarding 2019 Lake Fees

8. Adjournment: 5:25PM