

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 14, 2021**

At 5:00pm President Woods called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were and Bordsen, Lowe and Wheeler. Also in attendance were Manager Maslan (via Zoom), Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

1. Call for nominations, and the Election of Officers. President Woods called for nominations for the Election of Officers. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods moved to nominate Director Lowe as President and to nominate Director Bordsen as Vice President. All ayes, motion passed.

Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to appoint Joseph Maslan as Secretary/Treasurer and Donna Springsteen as Clerk. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Minutes: The Minutes of the December 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

3. Public Forum: Lincoln Young from Collins Lake announced his retirement effective December 31, 2020.

4. The Board will discuss the Division 5 Director vacancy and consider appointing Mr. Nathan Sokoloski, a candidate in the 2020 election, to the position. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to appoint Mr. Nathan Sokolowski Division 5 Director. All ayes, motion passed.

5. The Board will consider approving an amendment to the Sicard Pipeline Project Design Agreement with Peterson Brustad, Inc., and may take action as appropriate. A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve amendment to the Sicard Pipeline Design Agreement.. All ayes, motion passed.

6. The Board will discuss the planning and design process for the boardroom remodel, and may take action as appropriate. After discussion a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the boardroom remodel design. All ayes, motion passed

7. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

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DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	12,490 AF	25.2%	1,135.7 FT	46.9 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	27,160 AF	54.9%	1,157.4 FT	25.6 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Collins Lake has dipped below 25.2% of capacity and staff is taking advantage of good weather and working hard on off-season projects/repairs.

Workforce Update (COVID-19)

Office staff is still working from home when appropriate (and possible), and calls are being forwarded to a cell phone when the office is vacant. This continues to work very well.

The General Manager and Administrative Services Manager continue to sign checks to keep the District current and avoid the need for Directors to come to the office and risk exposure.

As of 12/07/2020 Dr. Luu, the Bi-County Health Officer for Yuba County and Sutter County issued a Public Health Advisory to Immediately Mitigate COVID-19 Risks in Yuba and Sutter County. To be proactive on the subject, the Manager will be implementing a teleworking schedule for the Management staff and continuing to have essential staff that need to work in person continue to do so with proper distancing practiced as well as proper PPE safety measures used.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Pipeline Project

Staff is working with several property owners to discuss easements for the Sicard Pipeline Project. Most parties have verbally agreed to the easements.

PAST MEETINGS

- 12/11/20 The Manager attended the NCWA Manager's Meeting on Zoom.
- 12/14/20 The Manager attended a Mitigation Webinar Series for Environmental and Historical Preservation for CalOES on Zoom.

- 12/14/20 The Manager met with NCWA for discussion with the Reservoir Release Group
- 12/15/20 The Manager met with NCWA for discussion with the Groundwater Substitution Group.

- 12/16/20 The Manager met with NCWA for discussion with Groundwater Substitution Committee (GSC)
- 12/16/20 The Manager attended a Yuba Groundwater Sustainability Committee (GSC) meeting on Zoom
- 12/17/20 The Manager met with NCWA for discussion with the Water Transfers, Reservoir Working Group
- 12/18/20 The Manager met with NCWA for follow up from the 12/17/20 group meeting.
- 12/21/20 The Manager met with YBA and Riparian Maid Orchards to discuss placement of a meter on Honcut Creek.
- 12/22/20 The Manager attended the YWA Board of Directors Meeting
- 12/31/20 The Manager met with Karl Brustad to discuss the Sicard Pipeline alignment details.

- 01/04/21 The Manager attended the NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting via Zoom.
- 01/05/21 The Manager attended the YWA Board recognition of Curt Aikens Retirement Meeting via Zoom.
- 01/05/21 The Manager and Staff met with Cintas Uniform Services to size staff for work uniforms replacing a yearly shirt purchase and embroidery.
- 01/06/21 The Manager met with Mr. McNally to go over budget details for 2021.
- 01/11/21 The Manager attended the NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting via Zoom.
- 01/12/21 The Manager attended the NCWA California Water Commission Northern California Workshop.
- 01/12/21 The Manager Attended the YWA Discussion on Fall Instream Flow Requirements on Zoom.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 01/20/21 The Manager will be attending a NCWA Groundwater Management Workshop on Zoom.
- 01/21/21 The Manager will meet with Jacob Young at Collins Lake to review Collins Lake operations and to congratulate him in his new role replacing Lincoln Young as General Manager.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

The flume replacement on the Thousand Trails Ditch has been completed; these were replaced with steel frames and new concrete headwalls.

The lake level sensor that was installed last year was in need of maintenance, the sensor was brought to the surface and moved location to aid in the work being done.

Several dead trees had fallen on the Thousand Trails Ditch due to the Cascade fire, crew has removed the fallen trees as well as some trees that will be an issue in the future.

Operations crew have been performing maintenance and repairs on District infrastructure, side spills are being repaired or replaced, and rotted out culverts are being replaced as necessary.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is running at minimum flows.

Future Projects

Continue cleaning district waterways, weed eat and spray where and when appropriate.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Lowe discussed increasing the Pumpline flow

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated December 30, 2020 to BVID from BKS regarding fees for 2021

10. Adjournment: 6:35PM