# Browns Valley Irrigation District

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# MINUTES OF THE BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WHEN Thursday February 09, 2023 5:00 pm 9370 Browns Valley School Rd Browns Valley, CA 95918

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# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT FEBRUARY 09, 2023

Vice President Rist called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Lowe, Howard and Bordsen. Director Woods absent. Also in attendance were Secretary / Manager Kelly McNally, Clerk Springsteen, and Operations Manager Shrader.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the January 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed the Board for approval. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to approve the January 26, 2023, minutes. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Rist and Howard ayes, Director Woods absent motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

- **3. Finance Committee Report: January 2023 Financials.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to approve the January Financials. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Rist and Howard ayes, Director Woods absent motion passed.
- **4. Executive Committee Report: Report the items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting and take action as appropriate**. After discussion Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to set the proposed Annexation fee at \$465.00 plus all fees per acre. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Rist and Howard ayes, Director Woods absent motion passed.
- 5. Ad Hoc Committee Report: Report the items discussed at the Committee meeting and take action as appropriate. No action taken.
- 6. The Board will consider updating the signature cards for Tri Counties Bank to include Directors Howard and Rist and remove Directors Sokolowski and Wheeler. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to add Directors Rist and Howard and remove Directors Wheeler and Sokoloski to all accounts at Tri Counties Bank. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Rist and Howard ayes, Director Woods absent motion passed.

#### 7. Manager's Report:

#### **COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING : VOLUME	SUPPLY %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	0.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	31,789 AF	64.2%	1,163.8 FT	19.2 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE	BVID WATER RIGHT	CURRENT	
	(BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	(CURRENT MONTH)	DIVERSION*	
TODAY	20 CFS	0 CFS	20 CFS	

<sup>\*</sup>If the current diversion exceeds BVID monthly water right, the difference is deducted from the District's "Project Base Supply."

# **STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Collins Lake continues to spill at approximately 76 cfs.

The Administrative Services Manager continues to work on the 2023 Budget and Sicard Pipeline invoicing; the Technical Services Manager and the Manager have continued working with property owners to finalize the Sicard Flat Pipeline Upgrade project easements, as well as the potential 2023 Annexation.

Last week, three of the operations staff attended a water measurement class in Chico.

On February 7, 2023, the Manager attended a scoping meeting for the Lower Yuba River Accord EIR extension and on February 8, 2023 the Manager attended the Member Unit Executive Committee meeting regarding the Accord EIR extension. The EIR is proposing to extend the Accord's water transfer program, which currently expires December 31, 2025, to 2050.

#### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

#### **Groundwater Substitution Transfer**

It is too early in the year to determine the probability of a 2023 transfer.

#### **Sicard Flat Pipeline**

The US Bureau of Reclamation Environmental team have completed most of the reviews for the Sicard Flat Pipeline Upgrade project and the District should receive NEPA approval soon.

#### **PAST MEETINGS**

1/30/2023	BVID/GEI meeting
1/30/2023	Flood Awareness meeting
2/6/2023	Flood Awareness meeting
2/6/2023	Bay-Delta Task Force meeting
2/7/2023	Yuba River Endowment Board meeting
2/7/2023	YWA Board meeting
2/7/2023	Yuba Accord Extension scoping meeting
2/8/2023	Accord Member Unit Executive Committee meeting

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

2/13/2023	BVID/YWA Accord meeting
2/13/2023	Flood Awareness meeting
2/14/2023	BVID/YWA Power generation meeting
2/14/2023	BVID/YWA/GenH meeting
2/15/2023	Yuba IRWMP Regional Water Management Group meeting
2/20/2023	Flood Awareness meeting
2/21/2023	YWA Board meeting
2/21/2023	Yuba River Endowment – Tour Paragon FFA
2/22/2023	Member Unit Water Management Workshop

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

With clear weather in the forecast, operations staff have been completing repairs of district infrastructure prior to the start of the 2023 Irrigation Season.

Crew placed new concrete on the west side of the shop building in preparation for a new door install.

A bid has been received to regrade the top of Virginia Ranch Dam as well as the access road to the powerhouse.

A fence contractor has been given the green light to repair the fencing above the spillway at Virginia Ranch Dam.

Virginia Ranch Powerhouse remains offline.

# **Lower District**

Pumpline is off due to the rain.

Repairs were made to fish screens after a tree damaged the brush arms.

**8. Director's Comments and Reports:** Director Lowe reported that Wally Bird would like to schedule a meeting regarding the ACCORD Program.

**9.** Correspondence: None

**10. Adjournment**: 5:44PM