

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 9, 2020**

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 Maslan. Director Lowe was absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

1. Call for nominations, and the Election of Officers. President Wheeler called for nominations for the Election of Officers. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods moved to nominate Director Woods as Chairman and to nominate Director Lowe as Vice Chair. Directors Wheeler, Maslan, Woods and Bordsen ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

2. Minutes: The Minutes of the December 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Maslan. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Woods and Maslan ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

3. Public Forum:

- Charles Sharpe asked questions regarding the Sicard Pipeline project
- John Nicoletti checked in with the Board to communicate to the District if they have any concerns he is available.

4. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for December 2019. Director Bordsen reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of December and found everything to be in order. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the financial reports for the month of December. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Maslan and Woods ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

5. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	27,160 AF	54.9%	1,157.4 FT	25.6 FT	0.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	25,940 AF	52.4%	1,155.8 FT	27.2 FT	0.0 CFS	0 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On December 17, 2019 the Manager and Operations Manager met with Mr. David Pietz to discuss the source of the water flowing through his property. No definitive source of a leak was found, but staff has committed to cleaning the ditch to further explore.

Staff satisfactorily resolved an account dispute with a landowner who had not completed paying for a service install before selling his property. A memo is attached in the handouts.

On January 7, 2020, the Manager met with a solar provider to discuss different options other than a power purchase agreement so the District can own the power production instead of paying for the power production. Total preliminary ROI appears to be between years 4 and 6 and appears to save the District a tremendous amount of money over the life of the project over other options. The Manager is also planning to discuss solar for the shop and office. Staff will return with additional information.

On January 7, 2020, the Manager spoke with Yuba Water Agency regarding the Amendment Number 3 of the Power Enhancement Agreement (signed December 12, 2019). The Agency has since suggested applying the carbon free energy credit to the daily LMP pricing opposed to a lump sum, which will likely result in an additional \$25K +/- net to the District annually. New verbiage is being crafted accordingly and staff will return with an updated Amendment 3 to reflect that change.

On January 9, 2020 CalPERS called to advise of a new program that allows municipalities to deposit capital reserves into a trust fund intended to pay down the unfunded liability and/or future “normal” PERS costs (contractual monthly contributions, etc.). CalPERS staff advised that the trust fund typically yields a 5-6% return, which exceeds both the District’s money market and County treasury yields. CalPERS staff also advised that the District’s current unfunded liability is \$1.3 million and that 2020’s payment is expected to be \$116,000 (growing to \$143,000 in 2024). With the knowledge that these costs are unavoidable, it may be prudent for the District to consider depositing some of our capital reserves to help offset potential financial burdens associated with the unfunded liability in the future.

CURRENT PROJECTS

SB 88

The Manager authorized the approximately \$15K purchase of the infrastructure required to monitor and report diversion data consistent with SB 88. The purchase includes all necessary data logging and communications systems to record and report diversions on Dry Creek, including canal flows and the Upper Main Pipeline. More importantly, it includes more accurate pressure transducer to be installed in the deepest portion of the lake, which will provide the secondary benefit of giving staff more accurate lake level information in real time. \$7,000 was approved in the 2019 Budget, which will be rolled over and remainder to be reflected in the 2020 Budget.

Staff is still working with dive consultants to schedule the install of the pressure transducer and conduit near the intake of the penstock.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Design and environmental work continues for the Sicard Pipeline Project.

Virginia Ranch Dam

The Manager approved the 2020 DSSMR and DSSMP work with Kleinschmidt for an amount not to exceed \$26,000. These are two mandatory reports due to FERC and DSOD in April. This work will be reflected in the 2020 Budget.

PAST MEETINGS

- 12/13/19 The Manager attended a NCWA Manager's Meeting at River Garden Farms in Knights Landing.
- 12/17/19 The Manager and Operations Manager met with Mr. David Pietz on his property to inspect possible leaks.
- 01/07/20 The Manager met with Global Energy to discuss options differing from previous proposals.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 01/10/20 The Manager is meeting with Global Energy to discuss solar options.
- 01/13/20 The Manager will attend a YWA Board workshop focused on the County's groundwater sustainability plan.
- 01/15/20 The Manager will attend a Yuba River Endowment meeting at YWA.
- 01/17/20 The Manager will attend the 2020 NCWA Strategic Planning Session.
- 01/21/20 The Manager will attend a YWA Board hearing focused on the County's groundwater sustainability plan.
- 01/22/20 The Manager will meet at Wheatland High School to present a check in the amount of \$15,000 to their FFA department on behalf of the Yuba River Endowment.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Winter maintenance continues throughout the upper district, mechanical cleaning of the Olive Hill Ditch and the Sicard Ditch is currently underway. Along with cleaning, crews are removing any vegetation that is a problem now, or will be in the future.

The Cat 307 Excavator has had its annual service completed, after some other small repairs it will be returned to service by the end of the week.

Crew began replacing the leaking flumes upstream of the McDrip Screen. We will continue replacing all old Thousand Trails flumes as weather and time permits.

Lower District

Pumpline is running at 8 CFS.

Upcoming tasks

Continue winter maintenance.

Build a weir at the O'Brien pump station.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence:

- Letter dated November 20, 2019 to BVID from JPIA regarding the “President’s Special Recognition Award”
- Report on EAP Tabletop and Functional Exercise
- Letter dated December 19, 2019 to BVID from BKS regarding legal fees for 2020
- Letter dated December 23, 2019 to Public Agency Clients from BKS regarding Summary of New Legislation for 2020

8. Closed Session: Update the Board on labor negotiations involving Directors Bordsen and Maslan (Personnel Committee) and Operating Engineers #3 and take action as appropriate; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6. Director Bordsen requested that Agenda Item 8 not be discussed in Closed Session. President Woods obliged.

9. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, motioned to proceed with the draft 2020 – 2022 MOU and present it to Operating Engineers 3 for final execution. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Maslan and Woods ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

10. Adjournment: President Woods adjourned the meeting at 5:23PM