

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
DECEMBER 12, 2019**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the November 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler and Woods ayes, Directors Lowe and Maslan were absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

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

Director Bordsen requested that Agenda Item 4 be moved to Agenda Item 6 upon learning that Director Lowe intended to join the meeting late. President Wheeler obliged.

4. The Board will consider executing “Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement Between Yuba County Water Agency and Browns Valley Irrigation District Providing for Making Water Available for Power Production.” Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen, motioned to execute “Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement Between Yuba County Water Agency and Browns Valley Irrigation District Providing for Making Water Available for Power Production.” Directors Bordsen, Wheeler and Woods ayes, Directors Lowe and Maslan were absent. Motion passed.

Director Lowe arrived at approximately 5:08 PM.

5. The Board will consider authorizing the Manager to agree to and execute an amendment to the “2015 – 2019 North Yuba Subbasin Member Units Groundwater Allocation Agreement” through 2024. Director Woods, seconded by Director Lowe, motioned to authorize the Manager to agree to and execute an amendment to the “2015 – 2019 North Yuba Subbasin Member Units Groundwater Allocation Agreement” through 2024 with terms equal to or better than the existing Agreement, with the understanding that no additional concessions will be made without returning to the Board. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler and Woods ayes, Director Maslan was absent. Motion passed.

6. The Board will receive a presentation from Mr. David Pietz over maintenance concerns, and possible solutions, on the Harding and Ellis Ditches. Discussion only, no action taken.

7. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	24,380 AF	49.3%	1,154.3 FT	28.7 FT	0.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	21,180 AF	42.8%	1,149.4 FT	33.6 FT	0.0 CFS	0 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The 2019 Irrigation Season ended on November 25, 2019.

The FERC required five-year functional exercise of the emergency action plan (EAP) was on November 15, 2019 at Sycamore Ranch and was a great success.

The District's outside technology consultant has advised that the office's network server is reaching "end of life" and we should consider replacement. They have prepared an estimate and staff will address acquisition in the 2020 Budget.

The Manager spoke with Genesis Engineering regarding the progress on the plans for the new proposed boardroom/office and they are scheduling a follow-up meeting after the first of the year.

The Manager attended a YWA Ad Hoc Committee meeting (by invite) to advise on developing a history book for the Agency. The Agency is looking for names of people who have first-hand knowledge of the creation and operation of the Agency since the 1950's as well as those who were impacted by the floods that motivated the County to develop the project.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Collins Lake Concessionaire Agreement

Legal Counsel has prepared a draft of the new Agreement. Several comments were made upon review and those comments have been implemented and forwarded to Mr. Young for his review.

SB 88

Staff met with Wildeye Farm and Irrigation Monitoring to develop a telemetry solution for reporting diversion data at the powerhouse, as well as a more accurate way to measure the lake level for SCADA. The results were promising as they have equipment that will likely be able to capitalize on using AT&T's wireless infrastructure.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Staff has authorized Marcus Bole to begin the environmental studies associated with the Sicard Pipeline Project.

MHM has nearly completed the survey work for the proposed routing. When complete, staff will present the proposed routing to the Board.

Virginia Ranch Dam

The Manager executed the 2020 Master Services Agreement with Kleinschmidt. This is a routine action to secure their role as our dam safety engineer consultant. Kleinschmidt is also preparing a quote for the 2019 DSSMR due to FERC and DSOD in April.

Uma Hinman has submitted what we believe to be the final version of the EAP to CalOES. In the meantime, staff is going to request an extension to submit to FERC based on the possibility CalOES might have more comments. After speaking with other managers at ACWA, this issue seems to be widespread as CalOES' requirements are not clearly defined and have been subject to change throughout this process.

Yuba River Endowment

On 12/10/2019, the Yuba River Endowment presented a check for \$15,000 to the Marysville High School FFA to allow all eligible students to attend State and National events that they would otherwise be forced to fundraise for. This amount is the first of \$60,000 to be divided up between each of Yuba County's four FFA programs.

PAST MEETINGS

- 11/15/19 BVID's 5 Year Functional EAP Exercise was held at Sycamore Ranch.
- 11/20/19 The Manager attended a Groundwater Sustainability Committee Meeting in Marysville.
- 11/21/19 The Manager attended a Yuba River Endowment Meeting in Marysville.
- 11/14/19 The Personnel Committee met with the Union to discuss the MOU.
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12/06/19 The Manager attended the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 12/03/19 The Manager met with YWA Director Bradford at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 12/04/19 The Manager met with YWA Assistant General Manager at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 12/04/19 The Manager met with NYWD General Manager Maupin at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 12/04/19 The Manager met with YWA Director Bradford and DeDe Cordell at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 12/04/19 The Manager met with YWA Director Fletcher at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 12/05/19 The Manager met with Karl Brustad at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 12/05/19 The Manager met with YWA Director Hastey at the ACWA Conference in San Diego.
- 12/09/19 Staff met with Wildeye to develop an estimate for communication solutions at the dam for SB 88 compliance.
- 12/10/19 The Manager attended North Member Unit groundwater allocation meeting at YWA.
- 12/10/19 The Manager attended a Yuba River Endowment meeting at Marysville High School.
- 12/11/19 All staff attended a dam safety training presented by Wayne Edwards at the office.
- 12/11/19 The Manager attended a YWA History Committee meeting at YWA

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 12/13/19 The Manager will attend a NCWA Manager's Meeting at River Garden Farms in Knights Landing.
- 12/16/19 The Manager and Operations Manager are meeting with Mr. David Pietz on his property to inspect possible leaks.
- 01/13/19 The Manager will attend a YWA Board workshop focused on the County's groundwater sustainability plan.
- 01/15/19 The Manager will attend a Yuba River Endowment meeting at YWA.
- 01/17/19 The Manager will attend the 2020 NCWA Strategic Planning Session.
- 01/21/19 The Manager will attend a YWA Board hearing focused on the County's groundwater sustainability plan.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Winter maintenance has begun in the upper district, all spill boards have been pulled and powerhouse has been set up for winter creek flow requirement. We have found and removed many trees that have fallen across ditches and access roads. Crew has been steadily completing tasks that could not be accomplished during water season.

Rebuilt the ditch cleaning bucket for the KX 121 Excavator.

The undercarriage on the Bobcat 331 was found to have severe damage. This was repaired in house.

The Operations Manager attended a pesticide training in Sacramento with Dan Ward.

Lower District

Pumpline is running at 10 CFS. Once pumps are off for the season we will focus on canal maintenance.

Upcoming tasks

Continue winter maintenance

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9 Correspondence: None

10. 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.

11. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session.

Item 10 – Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, motioned to proceed with the draft MOU and present it to Operating Engineers 3 for final execution. Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler and Woods ayes, Director Maslan was absent. Motion passed.

12. Adjournment: President Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.