

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the January 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for January 2020.** Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of January and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Maslan moved to approve the financial reports for the month of January. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. The Board will receive the 2020 Budget for review and to consider action at the next Board meeting, if appropriate.** No action taken.

**5. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	32,040 AF	64.7%	1,160.2 FT	22.8 FT	0.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	48,330 AF	97.6%	1,181.3 FT	1.7 FT	0.0 CFS	1,000 kW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

On Tuesday, February 5, 2020, the Manager attended a Groundwater Management Workshop where it was reported the groundwater basin is at full capacity and in very good health. The hydrology report did indicate that Colgate (very similar to and a good metric of BVID's watershed) has only received 15.4 inches of precipitation to date, which is 66% of average. Although it is very early, the conditions are dry so far.

The County is replacing the bridge at Spring Valley Road near Marysville Road and staff met to discuss the relocation of a service and wharf valve that will be affected by the new alignment, which will be just to the south of the existing bridge.

The District's FEMA consultant (Jerry Quinn) advised that the District has unused funds that can be allocated to a different project. His advice is that to avoid CEQA, the funds would be best spent on

eligible equipment. Staff is exploring several different options in alignment with the budget, but we know for sure the new heavy duty truck will qualify as well as a new tier 4 loader.

The North Yuba Water District is currently de-annexing a number of parcels that overlap with BVID's. NYWD staff is planning to walk the alignment of the Upper Main Ditch (their southern boundary in some locations) to develop a legal description, as one does not appear to exist.

Utility Worker II Cache Cline gave the District a two-week notice on February 10, 2020 for a much higher paying position with the Yuba Water Agency. Mr. Cline is an exemplary worker and although disappointed to lose him, management wishes him well.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **SB 88**

Staff and Wildeye installed of several pieces of flow detection and telemetry equipment at the penstock as well as the Upper Main pump. The installation for the pressure transducer and conduit near the intake of the penstock will occur toward the end of February.

### **Sicard Pipeline Project**

Staff and PBI walked several miles of the Sicard Ditch near the west end of the tunnel to identify several culturally historic areas and to delineate a pipeline routing to avoid old mining settlements.

### **Virginia Ranch Dam**

Don Moss (Henwood Energy) is currently at the powerhouse performing the annual maintenance of the system. It appears most everything is in good order with the exception of a few inexpensive part replacements.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 01/27/20 The Manager met with the tree service responsible for clearing the power lines at Collins Lake and to direct for the final disposition for the wood.
- 01/28/20 The Manager met with an architect to discuss planning for the new boardroom.
- 01/29/20 The Manager and Technical Services Manager teleconferenced with Jerry Quinn regarding FEMA and CalOES grant funds.
- 02/03/20 The Manager and Operations Manager met with a County engineer to discuss the realignment of Spring Valley Road near Marysville Road.
- 02/04/20 Staff walked the Sicard Ditch near Sicard Flat Road with PBI Engineering to discuss pipeline routing through significant culturally historic sites.
- 02/05/20 The Manager attended a Groundwater Management Workshop at YWA.
- 02/06/20 The Manager met at Lindhurst High School to present a check for \$15,000 to their FFA department on behalf of the Yuba River Endowment. A \$2,500 check was also presented to South Lindhurst Continuation School, which also has an FFA program.
- 02/11/20 The Manager met with an architect to discuss planning for the new boardroom.
- 02/12/20 The Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with PBI and Teichert to discuss the Highway 20 Realignment project.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 02/19/20 The Manager will attend a Groundwater Sustainability Committee meeting at Yuba County.
- 02/20/20 The Manager will attend a Yuba River Endowment Board meeting at YWA.
- 02/27/20 The Manager is meeting at Bear River Middle School to present a check for \$15,000 to their FFA department on behalf of the Yuba River Endowment.
- 03/04/20 The Manager is meeting with Katie Burdick and Company to discuss possible additional IRWMP projects.
- 03/04/20 The Manager is attended a Groundwater Management Workshop at YWA.
- 03/06/20 Director Maslan and the Manager are attending the annual NCWA meeting in Chico.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

Operations crew continued with clearing of brush and trees on several of the district waterways.

Crew took advantage of the dry weather and got most of the district right a ways sprayed.

In preparation for the new lake level sensor, the Technical Services Manager and Operations Manager conducted a survey of the lake bottom using sonar. A temporary buoy was placed to mark the location where the sensor will be placed.

Henwood Energy has begun the yearly inspection of the VRD Powerhouse. Some minor issues will need to be addressed, but overall it is in good shape.

Crew continues to complete small repairs around the district in preparation for the water season.

Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager will attend a meeting with Tiechert Construction to discuss the Hwy 20. Realignment project.

### **Lower District**

Pumpline is off.

Work has begun on the weir at the O'Brien pump station with the material expense being passed to the O'Brien Ranch.

**6. Director's Comments and Reports:** None

**7. Correspondence:** None

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