

Browns Valley Irrigation District
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**MINUTES OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

WHEN
Thursday
October 8, 2020
5:00 pm

WHERE
Teleconference via Zoom
Browns Valley, CA
95918

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OCTOBER 8, 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, and Lowe. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Assistant Manager Maslan and Operations Manager Shrader. Clerk Springsteen was absent.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the September 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye and Lowe aye. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will discuss design work for the boardroom renovation project.

A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen to move forward with submitting a concept reviewed and recommended by the boardroom ad hoc committee to an architect for refinement and final review by the Board. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye and Lowe aye. Motion passed.

4. The Board will discuss options for the outgoing General Manager to serve in an advisory role for the incoming General Manager, and to assist in the transition as necessary. No action taken

5. The Board will discuss the meeting schedule for the months of November and December. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods to cancel the second regularly scheduled meetings for the months of November and December 2020 due to the holidays. Director Woods polled the Board, Bordsen aye, Wheeler aye, Woods aye and Lowe aye. Motion passed.

6. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	14,550 AF	29.4%	1,139.5 FT	43.5 FT	65.5 CFS	254 kW
1 YEAR AGO	29,650 AF	59.9%	1,160.5 FT	22.5 FT	65.6 CFS	370 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Collins Lake has dipped below 30% of capacity and staff is keeping a close eye on the weather conditions to determine an appropriate end date to the 2020 Irrigation Season.

Cordua Irrigation District called to advise of additional wells failing at 9892 Butte View Way, 9859 Buena Vista Way and 9860 Butte View Way.

On October 7, 2020, staff met with Blane Myers to discuss a second service that was supposedly removed from his parcel that was allegedly promised to be restored sometime in the future. Mr. Myers is claiming that the District addressed the service because it was leaking, but rather than repairing it, BVID removed it, repacked the ditch-bank, and promised to return it sometime in the future. which seems counterintuitive to how the District normally addresses such issues. Mr. Myers would like this service restored to serve his son's home (on the same parcel). Staff is looking into the validity of this claim to verify if a service ever existed at the location he is referencing because current staff has no recollection of a service ever being on the ditch in that location. If restored, this would be a second service on Mr. Myers' property, at least until a parcel map for his son's home is completed.

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.

The field crew remains healthy and are taking precautions ensure social distancing. Joseph Maslan started his position as Assistant General Manager for the District on October 1, 2020.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Boardroom Construction

The Ad Hoc Design Committee has developed a rough design and recommendation to move forward with.

Conserved Water Transfer

The Manager spoke with legal counsel regarding work for the long term Conserved Water Transfer EIR and it seems to be in the District's best interest to wait some time before beginning. The reason for waiting is to see what YWA intends to do with the Accord as well as to see what occurs.

Groundwater Substitution Pumping

Groundwater Substitution Pumping terminated September 30, 2020.

Zone 4 is encountering substantial third-party impacts and BVID has taken the lead on one (1) such instance and may be called upon for three (3) additional due to their proximity to a BVID managed well. That work is ongoing and expenses will be covered by the District's "Accord Mitigation Reserve" fund.

The North Member Units continue negotiations on the allocation agreements between BVID, Cordua, Hallwood and Ramirez Irrigation Districts.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Staff is working with several property owners to discuss easements for the Sicard Pipeline Project.

Virginia Ranch Dam

Staff is coordinating with Northstar Engineering for the District's Bi-Annual deformation survey of the dam.

Staff has completed a FERC self-assessment in lieu of the annual inspection in response to COVID-19 precautions.

Staff has completed the installation of security cameras at the dam.

PAST MEETINGS

- 09/22/20 The Manager met with the new boardroom ad hoc committee.
- 09/24/20 The Manager met with legal counsel via telephone.
- 09/30/20 The Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with the Peterson Brustad to discuss the anticipated alignment and constructability for the Sicard Pipeline Project.
- 10/06/20 The Assistant Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager attended a site visit on the UC property with Peterson Brustad and UC staff to strategize an alternative alignment for the Sicard Pipeline Project.
- 10/07/20 The Manager and Assistant Manager met with Blane Myers to discuss a second service on his property.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 10/14/20 The Manager and Assistant Manager are attending a YWA Member Unit Meeting.
- 10/14/20 The Manager is attending a River Parkway Committee Meeting.
- 10/28/20 The Manager and Assistant Manager are attending a Yuba River Endowment Meeting.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Due to the poor air quality from the surrounding California wildfires, operations crew is instructed to keep exposure to a minimum. Service calls and repairs remain a priority but any extraneous activities such as weed eating and hand excavations have been limited during extreme smoke conditions.

The new security cameras at Virginia Ranch Dam are finally up and running. In addition to the cameras on the powerhouse, two new cameras were installed above the spillway. One camera overlooks the spillway intake and a portion of the lake, the other camera is aimed at the face of the dam and can be controlled remotely if needed.

Mechanical cleaning of the Arnold Ditch, the Lower Browns Valley, and the Finch Ditch continue.

Maintenance of District infrastructure is being completed as needed.

Operations crew has been busy with repairs and service calls throughout the district.

Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with a property owner over concerns of the alignment of the Sicard Pipeline.

Operations Manager, Technical Services, and incoming General Manager met with Karl Brustad of PBI and Dustin Flavell with the U.C. Field station to discuss a possible new alignment of the Sicard Pipeline, avoiding a possible conflict with a property owner.

Crew cleaned and inspected the spillway at Virginia Ranch Dam in preparation for the upcoming DSOD inspection. This included removing any large debris that could become an obstruction to flows and looking for any new cracks or missing concrete. Nothing new was noted.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is running 46 CFS.

The O'Brien lift pump had a failure due to a faulty circuit breaker. It was also discovered that the oiler solenoid needed replacement as well. Both items have been replaced and pump is operational.

Future Projects

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

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. Adjournment: President Woods adjourned the meeting at 5:40PM.