

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 12, 2012**

At 5:00 pm President Woods called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Wheeler, Lowe, Bordsen, and Winchester. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. President Woods called for nominations for the **Elections of Officers**. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to nominate Bill Lowe as President and Bob Bordsen as Vice President. All ayes, motion passed. Director Woods then passed the gavel to President Lowe.

2. Minutes: The Minutes of the December 14, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and the January 4, 2012 Special Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

3. Public Forum: None.

4. Finance Committee Report:

- Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of December and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of December. All ayes, motion passed.
- After discussion Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, moved to start the process to increase 2012 Irrigation Rates by 4%. Directors Lowe, and Wheeler voted aye. Director Winchester opposed. Motion passed.

5. The Board will discuss the recent **“Dry Winter” release of water from Collins Lake** and consider future winter releases. Discussion only, no action taken.

6. Manager’s Report:

Collins Lake:

Per Board direction, we ran the Collins Lake delivery system late last week and through the weekend, at a cost of just over 500 acre feet. The current elevation is 1,157.5 ft, which is 25.5 ft. below spill. This amounts to 55.1% of storage with 27,250 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 3.0 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,182.7 ft, which is 0.3 ft below spill (99.76% or 49,380 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 1,040 Kw with releases of 125 cfs.

Financial Activities:

Using funds at Edward Jones, we purchased the following CDs;

Discover Bank	\$5,000	20 months	1.404%
Capital One Bank	\$15,000	21 months	1.250%
GE Money Bank	\$5,000	24 months	1.503%
American Express Centurion Bank	\$13,000	25 months	1.201%

Hydroelectric:

The new PG&E Interconnection Agreement for the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse has been signed and sent to San Francisco for execution. PG&E has also provided the “standard form” Feed in Tariff agreement which includes several administrative hoops to jump through.

Yuba River Pumps:

The pumps at the Yuba River pumping station have been tested for their efficiency under a grant from PG&E. The efficiencies ranged from a low of 40% for the 50 hp, 53% for a 100 hp, 57% for the 125 hp and a high of 63% for the other 100 hp pump. We are looking for grant funds to help cover the costs to upgrade at least the 50 hp pump.

Sadly, we also found that the top bearing on the better of the two 100 hp pumps had failed due to a loose stretch nut. This is the third time that this particular pump has had a loose stretch nut since it was last rebuilt. This issue will be addressed with a locking bolt during the repair of that pump.

Redhill East pipeline:

During last week’s shot of water, the original steel section of pipe along lower Redhill Way split, requiring a shutdown of the entire pipeline. This 1,000’ of thin wall (0.16”) pipe handles pressures in excess of 250 psi, is more than 20 years old and is now in the process of being replaced using ductile iron pipe that was left from the upgrade project of the White Oak Lane side of this same pipeline.

Meetings:

Past:

- 12-19-11 I attended the 2012 Water Transfer workshop in Sacramento.
- 12-21-11 I attended the Yuba Regional Water Management meeting in Marysville.
- 12-29-11 I participated in the Cal ISO conference call concerning hydro generation.
- 1-04-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to discuss the draft 2012 Budget.
- 1-05-12 I participated in the ACWA Board meeting conference call.

- 1-10-12 I attended the YCWA Board meeting concerning comments from Congressman John Garamendi on Delta issues.
- 1-11-12 I attended the YCWA Member Units meeting concerning Dry Weather conditions.
- 1-12-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the December bills and bank statements.

Future Meetings:

- 1-13-12 North Diverters meeting at YCWA.
- 1-13-12 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 1-19-12 ACWA Water Bond forum in Sacramento.
- 1-20-12 and 1-23-12 I will be on vacation.
- 1-26-12 ACWA Board workshop in Sacramento.

Projects:

Past:

1. Rebuilt services on the Olive Hill ditch, Pumpline canal, Redhill West pipeline, and the Wolf Trail pipeline.
2. Trimmed the trees to above head level in the District yard.
3. Repaired breaks on the Hill Road and Duckels pipelines.
4. Completed the Mahle screen and drain safety fence.
5. Installed a wharf valve on Spring Valley Road south of Joines Road.
6. Completed the quarterly B.I.T. inspection for the dump truck.
7. Removed some trees and repaired the Pumpline canal ditch bank at Twin Oaks Drive.
8. Replaced an air vent at the head of the Mahle pipeline.
9. Replaced a paddlewheel screen on the Lambert ditch.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Work on the Redhill East pipe replacement project.

7. The Board will consider the designation of a Regular and Alternate Representative to the ACWA HBA (Health Benefits Authority). Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve the nomination of Manager Cotter as the Regular and Director Lowe as the Alternate Representative to ACWA HBA. All eyes, motion passed.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated 12-16-11 to Richard & Becky Andrews from Collins Lake Recreation Area concerning equipment storage.
- Letter dated 12/19/11 to Gerald Meral (Bay Delta Conservation Plan) from SWRCB concerning Delta issues.
- Letter dated 12/20/11 from PG&E concerning the Expiration of Power Purchase Agreement at the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse.
- Email from Dick Boyd concerning BVID operations.

10. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, President Lowe adjourned the meeting.