

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JANUARY 13, 2011**

President Woods called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Other Directors present were Winchester, Bordsen, Wheeler and Lowe. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Powell.

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

Director Winchester, seconded by President Woods, moved to appoint Walter Cotter as Secretary/Treasurer and Carey Powell as Clerk. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Minutes: The Minutes of the December 15, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

3. Public Forum: None.

4. Finance Committee Report: Directors Winchester & Wheeler reported that they had reviewed the financial records for the month of December and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of December. All ayes, motion passed.

Property Tax Assessment discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

5. Financial Plan and Water Rate Workshop: Tabled for future meeting.

6. History Presentation (item postponed til 6:00pm): Dale Johnson, retired PG&E historian presented a history of PG&E and BVID.

7. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,182.7 ft, which is 0.3 ft below spill. This amounts to 99.75% of storage with 49,380 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 1,065 Kw with releases of 165 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,141.4, which is 41.6 ft below spill (32% or 15,850 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 1.02 cfs.

Financial Activities:

The last \$41,200 has been pulled from the Franklin Government Securities (Ginnie Mae) Fund and the account is now closed. Over the life of this program we earned \$17,000 or 4.4% interest. While we are still looking for CD's to invest these funds into, we have purchased; a CD at BMW Bank of North America (Salt Lake City), \$32,800 for 23 months at 1.20% , a CD at Park Sterling Bank (Charlotte, NC), \$5,000 for 24 months at 1.27% and a CD at DMB Community Bank (Deforest, WI), \$5,100 for 27 months at 1.42%.

Staff Activities:

Seven crewmembers attended the JPIA Lockout-Tag Out training class in Woodland.

ACWA/JPIA has recognized BVID for having a "Low Loss Ratio" in the Liability Program during the period 10/01/06 to 09/30/09.

Bridge Repair Claim:

State Farm Insurance is trying to recover on a claim for a bridge repair across the Olive Hill ditch. The claim is that BVID crossed the wooden bridge with heavy equipment, thus damaging the bridge. An investigation revealed that not only did we not cross the bridge in question with any equipment, District staff commented to the bridge owner (on the day that the "damage" is claimed) that the bridge was not safe enough to walk on.

Delta Issues:

The newly appointed Delta Watermaster has put out a report to the SWRCB that recommends that less than efficient Ag water use be considered unreasonable use of water, thus creating a process to reduce one's water rights.

Also, the SWRCB is considering an order to an in Delta pre-1914 water right holder that could set an adverse precedent (allowing the SWRCB to exercise authority over pre-1914 water rights).

Water Transfers 2011 and Beyond:

With so much water already in the system (State wide), if as little as one more good sized storm rolls through the north state, there may not be any ability to move water across the Delta, preventing the possibility of a water transfer in 2011.

Mean while, the Bureau of Reclamation is working to put together the required environmental documents (both State and Federal) to enable water transfers from northern California sellers to federal (CVP) water contractors south of Delta over a ten-year period, beginning as soon as 2012. BVID has expressed an interest in this process with our 3,100 af of Yuba River Conserved Water, but may have run into a snag as the lead agency (SLDMWA) for the CEQA process is looking to share 50% of the liability (with the sellers) from the expected legal challenge to the environmental document.

Meetings:

Past:

- 12-16-10 Director Winchester and I attended the Yuba Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 01-04-11 I attended the NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 01-07-11 The Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 01-11-11 I attended the Accord Buyers meeting in Sacramento.
- 01-12-11 I participated in the CVP long term transfers sellers conference call.
- 01-13-11 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the December bills.

Future:

- 01-14-11 D-10/pumpers meeting at YCWA.
- 01-14-11 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting (by phone).
- 01-14-11 Steve Onken's Retirement luncheon in Dobbins.
- 01-18-11 Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 01-18-11 Pumping Program meeting at YCWA.
- 01-18-11 Accord Buyers meeting in Sacramento.
- 01-19-11 California Division of Safety of Dams inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam.
- 01-21-11 Ramirez WD Board meeting.
- 01-27-11 Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) meeting.

Projects:**Past:**

1. Completed the FERC required riprap work at Virginia Ranch Dam.
2. Reworked the road on the top of the Dam at Collins Lake.
3. Installed the trash rack box for the head of the Sicard ditch.
4. Fixed a wash out on the road to the Sicard ditch.
5. Rebuilt a service on the Sicard ditch.
6. Replaced the bad siding on the new shop building.
7. Removed the old flooring from the District office.
8. Painted the District office interior.
9. Moved a door on the front of the District shop building.

Future:

1. Finish the last concrete pour in the new large shop.
2. Upgrade the Spring Glenn pipeline connection.
3. Spray weather permitting.

8. Hydro Committee Report: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, moved to authorize the Hydro Committee to proceed with preliminary environmental work and bids for potential hydro project on the Tennessee ditch. All ayes, motion passed.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: None.

10. Correspondence:

- Letters to/from Hal Stocker
- Letter from Steve Fordice, Reclamation #784 regarding Ella Regional Detention Basin
- Letter ACWA/HBA regarding life insurance

11. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, President Woods adjourned the meeting.