

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JANUARY 26, 2012**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the January 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Terril Flannigan of 5281 Virginia Rd Loma Rica was present and wanted to tell the Board that the Utility Crew made a repair to his service and they were very nice guys and did a good job.

**3. Presentation By Board President:** President Lowe presented Director Woods with a plaque for his service as Board President during 2010 and 2011. No action taken.

**4. Committee Assignments 2012:** Director Winchester stated that Director Woods, as the immediate past president should be on the Executive Committee along with the current Board President. The change was noted and President Lowe stated that the remaining Committee Assignments would remain as they were in 2011.

**5. Water Rate Study:** Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve 2012-2014 water study with a 4% cap per year and that the rate increase will be discussed prior to setting rates in 2013 and 2014. All ayes, motion passed.

**6. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,163.3 ft, which is 19.7 ft. below spill. This amounts to 64.2% of storage with 31,770 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 3.0 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,181.4 ft, which is 1.6 ft below spill (97.86 % or 48,440 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 1,050 Kw with releases of 125 cfs.

### **Hydroelectric:**

PG&E has informed the District that the Interconnection Agreement for the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse has been executed (our signed copy is in the mail). PG&E is reviewing the scan of the signed Feed in Tariff Power Purchase agreement. Once the scan is approved, we will mail the signed hard copies to San Francisco for execution. What this means is that we can now generate but without a contract, PG&E has no way to pay the District (until the Power Purchase agreement is in place).

### **Delta Issues:**

This week, Governor Brown announced that he is considering delaying the \$11.1 Billion Water Bond set for this fall's ballot for another 2 years. If this comes to pass, it will be the second time this Bond has been delayed (originally set for the 2010 ballot). The concern is that at some point the State (through the 2009 legislation) will get into an unfunded mandate situation and will come after the water agencies with increased fees to cover the shortfall.

Meanwhile, the SWRCB has opened the door to a water quality control plan proceeding that eventually could lead to new regulatory objectives for Sacramento River inflows to the Delta and Delta outflows. In other words...Water Rights hearings to "create" more water to push into/through the Delta.

### **Redhill East pipeline:**

In spite of a (welcome) rain delay, progress on this pipeline replacement project is moving forward. Because of concerns about possible future liability issues, we are completely removing the old steel pipe as we install the new ductile iron pipe. The concern is that if the old pipe were left in place, which is running just along the edge of the asphalt, were to completely corrode away, a sink hole will develop in or at the edge of the road. To date, we have installed 430 feet of pipe on this project.

### **Meetings:**

#### **Past:**

- 1-13-12 I attended the north side, Yuba River diverters meeting at YCWA concerning low flows in the Yuba River.
- 1-13-12 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Western Canal W.D.
- 1-18-12 I participated in the ACWA Board meeting conference call concerning Committee Chair / Vice Chair Appointments.
- 1-19-12 I attended the ACWA Water Bond Forum in Sacramento (the same day Governor Brown announced a possible delay of that Bond).
- 1-20-12 I took half a day vacation.

- 1-24-12 I attended the District 10 annual meeting concerning groundwater conditions.
- 1-26-12 I attended the ACWA Board of Directors workshop for Strategic and Business Planning.

**Future Meetings:**

- 1-27-12 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 2-01-12 Accord buyers meeting in Sacramento.
- 2-07-12 DWR Diesel to Electric conversion inspection of well BV-16.
- 2-09-12 Finance Committee meeting.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Repacked the wheel bearings on the small trailers.
2. Removed two trees from the Dam at Collins Lake per FERC's request.
3. The rain allowed us to burn the burn pile at the District yard.
4. Sprayed the District yard.
5. Installed a new service on the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline.
6. Completed a DSOD Virginia Ranch Dam inspection.
7. The employees attended a safety meeting on the topics of pesticide safety and use and lifting safely on 1-19-12.
8. Trimmed trees along the Arnold ditch.

**Future Projects:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Continue work on the Redhill East pipe replacement project.
3. Renew the District's pesticide permit with the County.

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

**8. Correspondence:**

- E-mail dated 1-25-12 to Manager Cotter from Joshua Horowitz regarding Prop 218 Notice/Rate Study

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