

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JANUARY 27, 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, and Lowe. Director Wheeler was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Powell.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the January 13, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and the January 21, 2011 Special Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None.

**3. Committee Assignments 2011:** No changes to committee assignments.

**4. Finance Committee Report:** No action taken.

**5. Manager's Report:**

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,181.2 ft, which is 1.8 ft below spill. This amounts to 97.4% of storage with 48,180 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 1,050 Kw with releases of 125 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,156.4 ft, which is 26.6 ft below spill (53.3% or 26,400 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 1.02 cfs.

Water will be put into the Collins Lake Service Area Monday through Friday of next week (see the attached notice).

Yuba County General Plan Draft EIR:

The Yuba County General Plan Draft EIR is out for public comment. In the Utilities section, BVID is shown to have 82,734 AF of Annual Water Supply with 41,514.5 AF of Annual Surplus Water. We will need to comment to the County of the issue of both water rights and sustainability.

Delta Issues:

Many of the major environmental groups sent a joint scoping letter to the Delta Stewardship Council yesterday. The letter's signatories include EDF, NRDC, Friends of the River, Sierra Club, Bay Institute, PCL and CSPA and others. The letter includes a statement that we have exceeded the amount of water that can be diverted from the watershed and from groundwater, a proposal for mandatory reporting of groundwater pumping to the SWRCB by 2012 and a proposal to

explore mandatory water application and consumption rates for principal crops and soils.

#### Water Transfers 2011 and Beyond:

With the State Water Project allocations increasing from 50% to 60% late last week, the word on the street is that the possibility of a water transfer in 2011 is about nil due to a lack of capacity at the State pumps. That said, we are still keeping our options open in case there is an opportunity to squeeze just a little water south of Delta. With so much water in the system (and a corresponding lack of demand), if we are able to move a bit of water this year, the price will be much lower than recent year's transfers.

#### Meetings:

##### Past:

- 01-14-11 Director Winchester and I attended the District 10/pumpers meeting at YCWA.
- 01-14-11 Director Winchester and I attended Steve Onken's (YCWA Power Systems Manager) retirement luncheon in Dobbins.
- 01-17-11 Holiday (Office closed).
- 01-18-11 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord members meeting at YCWA.
- 01-18-11 Director Winchester and I attended full member unit pumping meeting at YCWA.
- 01-18-11 I attended the Accord Amendment 4 Buyers negotiation meeting in Sacramento.
- 01-19- 11 The Operations Manager and I met with Bill Pennington (Division of Safety of Dams) to inspect Virginia Ranch Dam.
- 01-19-11 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting at YCWA.
- 01-20-11 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 01-21-11 I attended the Ramirez WD Board meeting concerning the Bacon Ranch.
- 01-21-11 Special Board meeting.
- 01-24-11 I participated in the CVP Long Term Water Transfer, (sellers) conference call.
- 01-25-11 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA Forum at YCWA.
- 01-27-11 The Finance Committee (Director Winchester) met to discuss the draft 2011 budget.

##### Future:

- 01-31-11 Ramirez WD Board meeting (Bacon Ranch).
- 02-02-11 Ag Water Management Council meeting in Sacramento.

- 02-04-11 NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 02-09-11 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 02-10-11 Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) meeting.

Projects:

Past:

1. Repaired the eight foot canal gate operator at Virginia Ranch Dam powerhouse.
2. Reworked the road to the Yuba River pumping station.
3. Cleaned the Lambert ditch and rebuilt a section of ditch bank.
4. Sprayed weeds around the Pumpline canal fixtures and sprayed weeds on a large section of the Heintzen ditch.
5. Completed the flooring in the entry and board room at the District office.

Future:

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

**6. Request From Concessionaire:** Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to authorize the construction of a shower/restroom building by the concessionaire at Collins Lake. All ayes, motion passed.

**7. Consider Support of RD 784 Grant Application for the Regional Drainage Facility:** Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods, moved to support the RD 784 Grant Application for the Regional Drainage Facility. All ayes, motion passed.

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

**9. Correspondence:**

- Letter from RD 784 regarding grant application.

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