

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JANUARY 29, 2009**

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

Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to add item “Consider 2009 Yuba Accord Groundwater Pumping Program” to the Agenda. All ayes, motion passed.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the January 8, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, all ayes, motion passed.

**Public Forum:** Terry Flannagan expressed his thanks for the recently published newsletter.

**Collins Lake Drought Update:** Discussion only on current conditions of the lake, no action taken.

**Manager’s Report:**

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,134.8 ft, which is 48.2 ft below spill. The Generator is off with releases of 1.0 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,149.0 ft, which is 34.0 ft below spill. The Generator was off with releases of 1.0 cfs.

Water Conservation:

The current drought has placed Water Conservation in the spotlight. The Governor has already called for domestic water to conserve 20% by 2020 and is expected to place a similar demand on Ag water soon. Here at BVID, we have been doing water conservation projects for a very long time with projects like piping open ditches and such. We will need to document those projects that we have already done in order to defend the District when the time comes.

Staff Activities:

Carey Powell has returned on a half-time basis (mornings). Mary Ann is still filling in the afternoons.

Leroy Mossi is scheduled for an evaluation for his shoulder on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ken Hugg has had hernia surgery and is expected to be out for another 6 weeks.

Tony Ward held a safety meeting on the topic of Lock Out Tag Out.

**Financial Activities:**

The Edward Jones CD for \$48,000 at Finance Factors matured on January 23, 2009 and was reinvested with Franklin US Government Securities Fund and is currently earning 4.0%. This mutual fund is 100% invested in Ginnie Maes.

**District Outreach:**

BVID News Letter Issue 1, Volume 1 is now arriving in water user's mail boxes throughout the District. We expect to produce about 4 of these each year but will add additional issues should the need arise.

**County Ag Commissioner Funding Request:**

The economy and State Budget crisis has reached the down to the County level and may result in the loss of the Wildlife Services Specialist (trapper). While the District has not utilized the trapper's services in a very long time, the need could present itself in any given year.

**Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

The CEQA Notice of Intent for the Mitigated Negative Declaration of the Dry Creek Recapture Project 30 day public review period will end on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have received 3 comments to date, none of which are controversial.

**Health Insurance Rates:**

The District's application for the 3% discount for the employee's health insurance rates was denied. The issue is insurance coverage for regular part-time employees. This can only be fixed with a change to the MOU with the Union (the current MOU expires on December 31, 2010).

**Meetings:**

**Past:**

- 01-09 through 23-09 I was on vacation.
- 01-16-09 The Pipeline Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met with Tony Ward and Mark Sayers to discuss a possible lift station for the O'Brien Ranch.
- 01-27-09 The ad hoc committee (Directors Bordsen and Woods) met to discuss the draft Rules and Regulations.
- 01-27-09 I attended the accord member unit meeting in Marysville.
- 01-28-09 I attended the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan meeting at Western Canal WD.

**Future Meetings:**

- 02-02-09 Ag Water Management Council meeting in Sacramento.
- 02-03-09 Member unit meeting in Marysville.
- 02-03 through 05-09 Mark Sayers will be attending the ESRI GIS conference in Sacramento.
- 02-04-09 California's Water Crisis forum in Colusa.
- 02-04-09 LAFCO Workshop meeting in Marysville.
- 02-05-09 2009 Drought Water Bank meeting in Sacramento.
- 02-06-09 NCWA Annual meeting in Yuba City.
- 02-11-09 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Finished the Pumpline canal clean up.
2. Finished the installation of self cleaning screens at the Olive Hill pipeline.
3. Replaced the K-2 Pumpline canal service.
4. Changed oil in truck # 7, replaced the fuel filters, and installed a new battery.
5. Rebuilt the small tan motorcycle trailer axle.
6. Reworked a screen box and cover on the Ellis Ditch.
7. Installed the decking at the Yuba River pumping station.
8. Trenched and repacked a leaky section of the Pumpline Canal.
9. Spot sprayed the Pumpline canal services.
10. Returned the rental pump from Saddleback to the dealer.
11. Removed trees and brush from the Mahle ditch.

**Future:**

1. Begin removal of the temporary lift station in Saddleback and the installation of the permanent lift station.
2. Continue the Valley of Eagles Monument Trail intertie conditions permitting.
3. Rebuild the DD service on the Pumpline Canal.

**Discuss Draft Rules & Regulations:** No action taken; draft of Rules & Regulations presented to Board.

**2009 Water Rates:** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to leave the 2009 water rates the same as 2008 unless once the Budget is analyzed it may be deemed necessary or prudent to lower the 2009 rates. All ayes, motion passed.

**2009 Yuba Accord Groundwater Pumping Program:** Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the 2009 Yuba Accord Groundwater Pumping Program.

**Correspondence:**

- Letter from Ag Commissioner Louie Mendoza Jr. regarding Wildlife Services Specialist Funding support for FY 2009-10
- Letter from ACWA Health Benefits denying our request for the 3% Incentive Rate
- Gallery & Barton regarding a rate increase.

**Closed Session:** Vice President Woods announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to have a conference call with legal counsel regarding existing litigation. Any action taken in Closed Session would be reported when the meeting reconvened into Open Session.

**Open Session:** Vice President Woods reconvened the meeting into Open Session and reported that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

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