

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 9, 2012**

At 5:05 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 29, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented with typos corrected on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

- Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of January and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of January. All ayes, motion passed
- After discussion the Finance Committee agreed to release copies of draft budget to the full Board.

**4. Consider hiring Steve Grinnell:** After discussion the Board consensus was to hire Steve Grinnell, consulting engineer to meet with Director Winchester to discuss the allocations of the Bacon Ranch groundwater impacts to the neighboring water districts for a maximum of 2 hours.

**5. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,163.9 ft, which is 19.1 ft. below spill. This amounts to 65.3% of storage with 32,310 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 3.0 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,180.4 ft, which is 2.6 ft below spill (95.76% or 47,400 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 1 cfs.

**Staff Activities:**

The Office Manager successfully passed the Notary Public class and is expected to receive her commission in the near future.

**Hydroelectric:**

PG&E has informed the District that the Feed in Tariff Power Purchase agreement is being circulated for their signature. The District is also in the middle of the

registration process with the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) which is one of the several steps that we are required to complete to qualify for the Feed in Tariff Power Purchase Agreement.

The draft YCWA/PG&E (Yuba River Power Enhancement) contract amendment has at last been advanced from YCWA and back to PG&E for their edits. This is the “bridge” contract that brings the 1960 Agreement up to date in terms of payments and extends the termination date to align with the 1990 Agreement to April 31, 2016. Once this agreement is signed, we will need to negotiate a similar agreement between the District and YCWA.

### **Ag Water Use Efficiency:**

Comments on the February 3, 2012 draft report “A Methodology for Quantifying the Efficiency of Agricultural Water Use” as prepared by DWR are due by February 24, 2012. This draft has several issues and even goes so far as to try to measure the current efficiency, rather than just carrying out the task named in the title of the document. NCWA is on top of this and may be asking for comment letters from member agencies.

### **Redhill East pipeline:**

Progress continues on this pipeline replacement project. Since the last Board meeting, we have installed another 400 feet of pipe, with 1,070 feet total installed of the 1,380 foot project. We are spending 3-4 man hours each day sweeping loose gravel off of the paved road.

### **Meetings:**

#### **Past:**

- 1-27-12 I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 2-01-12 I attended the Accord Buyers meeting in Sacramento.
- 2-06-12 The GIS/Planner and I participated in a conference call with Trimark Associates concerning the Cal ISO required upgrades to the Powerhouse.
- 2-07-12 I met with DWR for the final inspection of the diesel to electric conversion well at BV-16 (Winchester).
- 2-09-12 The GIS/Planner and I met with Mark Moroesky and Kevin Melder (Trimark Associates) to tour the facilities at the Powerhouse in order to better refine the Cal ISO required upgrades.
- 2-09-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the January bills and the latest draft of the 2012 Budget.

**Future Meetings:**

- 2-10-12 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 2-15-12 Meeting with Santa Clara Valley WD in Sacramento concerning a 2012 water transfer.
- 2-17-12 NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Renewed the District's pesticide use permit.
2. Began replacing 260' of original pipe at the head of the Landerman pipeline.
3. Sprayed the Olive Hill ditch and a section of the Sicard ditch.
4. Rebuilt two services on the Mahle pipeline.
5. Repaired an injector line, fuel filter, and completed an oil change on the Saddleback Lift Pump.
6. Replaced the wheel bearings and tires on the water trailer.
7. Replaced a main line valve on the Wades Way pipeline.
8. Completed ditch bank and side spill repair on the Palmer ditch.
9. Removed several trees from the Sicard ditch bank downstream of the UC Field Station.

**Future Projects:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Continue work on the Redhill East pipe replacement project.
3. Finish the replacement of 260' of 8" pipe at the head of the Landerman pipeline.

**6. Proposal from Trimark Associates, Inc.:** Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods moved to accept the proposal from Trimark Associates, Inc. for services to comply with Cal ISO reporting requirements for generation output from the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse. All ayes motion passed.

**7. Proposition 204 grant funding (Dry Creek Recapture Project):** The Board discussed DWR's plans to convey the Dry Creek Recapture Project Proposition 204 grant directly to BVID. Discussion only no action taken.

**8. Director's Comments and Reports:** Director Bordsen suggested that the Pipeline Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) investigate charging service installation fees based on the number of units desired as opposed to a flat rate. President Lowe agreed and tasked the Pipeline Committee with this project.

President Lowe inquired about the timing of an out of District water transfers for 2012 versus the March 15, 2012 water rate hearing.

**9. Correspondence:**

Letter dated 2-2-12 to Mr. Phil Isenberg (Delta Stewardship Council)  
regarding BVID's comments on the Draft Delta Plan EIR

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