

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 23, 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, and Bordsen. Director Winchester was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 9, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,164.9 ft, which is 18.1 ft. below spill. This amounts to 66.9% of storage with 33,120 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 3.0 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,183.2 ft, which is 0.2 ft above spill (100% or 49,500 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 1,065 Kw with releases of 149 cfs (18 cfs of spill).

Water Allocations and Transfers:

The State and Federal (CVP) water contractors south of Delta received allocations yesterday with the State allocation reduced from 60% to 50% while the CVP contractors received an initial allocation of 30%. Meanwhile, north of Delta CVP (settlement) contractors have been reduced to a 75% allocation and north State (Feather River) contractors have been put on notice that their contract amounts could be cut by 50%.

In spite of all of the above reductions in water availability, there is not much demand for water transfers so far. It seems that the ag side is looking for some water but the urban side has not indicated that they are looking for additional supplies. The one exception is Santa Clara and they have indicated that they do want our Yuba River Conserved Water (assuming that we can come to terms). In order to create a bit of completion, I am also adding our Conserved Water to the potential pool of supplies being sought by the CVP contractors south of Delta.

Bacon Ranch/Steve Grinnell Challenge:

The data that has been requested from YCWA to mount a challenge to the 4 mile area of influence decision is expected to be received the first part of next week. This

information includes; Groundwater substitution pumping quantities (by month and by well) for wells in Ramirez and Cordua for 2008, 2009 and 2010. Well sounding data for these same wells from 2008 through current. Locations for these same wells. Monitoring well data (including locations) for monitoring wells in Ramirez, Cordua, BVID and any monitoring wells not in a district but within 10 miles of the Bacon Ranch from 2008 through current. This information will be folded into the BVID well information to arrive at a conclusion.

Director Winchester arrived (5:10).

Redhill East pipeline:

All of the pipe for this project is installed and the area is cleaned up. We do need to replace the asphalt that was removed to access the old pipeline and that may have to wait until the asphalt plant is running on a regular schedule. We are also installing an isolation valve near the top of Redhill Way so that the Redhill Way section can be shut down for repairs (when needed).

Meetings:

Past:

- 2-10-12 I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 2-13-12 I participated in the CalISO conference call.
- 2-17-12 I attended the NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 2-17-12 I attended the YCWA and Accord Executive Committee meeting in preparation for the upcoming negotiation with the Accord Buyers.
- 2-22-12 I attended the YCWA Groundwater Pumping Workshop in Marysville.

Future Meetings:

- 2-24-12 Meeting with Don Durham (east side of Collins) and Josh Horowitz in Meadow Vista.
- 2-24-12 Accord Buyers negotiation in Sacramento.
- 2-29-12 ACWA Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 3-01-12 Meeting with Santa Clara Valley WD in Sacramento concerning a 2012 water transfer.
- 3-02-12 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 3-02-12 Meeting with Scott Wood (JPIA).
- 3-07-12 CalISO (DB59) conference call.
- 3-08-12 Finance Committee (directors Wheeler and Winchester) meeting.

Projects:

Past:

1. Rebuilt the grating at the Olive Hill siphon near the Lion's Club.

2. Finished replacing 260' of pipe at the head of the Landerman pipeline.
3. Sprayed the Sicard ditch.
4. Removed several trees from the Thousand Trails and Harding canal ditch banks.
5. Repaired the spill at H2 on the Pumpline canal.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Install an isolation valve on upper Redhill Way.
3. Install conduit and cable for the Virginia Ranch Dam toe drain alarm system.
4. Rebuild the weir and install a stilling well at the head of the tunnel at the Powerhouse.
5. Install a keyway in the South ditch.
6. Pave the Redhill Way road edge where it was cut for pipe removal.

4. 2012 Budget: The Board will discuss and consider the draft 2012 Budget.

Discussion only no action taken.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Bordsen suggested that the Personnel Committee meet to determine if the Board of Directors should be receiving 1099's or W-2's. President Lowe agreed and assigned the task to the Personnel Committee.

9. Correspondence: None.

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