

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 24, 2011**

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. Director Winchester was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Powell.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 10, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Finance Committee Report: Tabled.

4. Consider Not Extending Property Assessment: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, moved that there will be no further discussions of possible replacement of the property tax by other means at this time. All ayes, motion passed.

5. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,183.1 ft, which is 0.1 ft above spill. This amounts to 100% of storage with 49,500 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 1,065 Kw with releases of 141 cfs (generation at 135 CFS and spill of 6 CFS). Last year on this date the elevation was 1,162.4 ft, which is 20.6 ft below spill (63.5% or 31,340 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 1.02 cfs.

Financial Activities:

The District purchased one CD through Edward Jones at City Bank of Lubbock (Texas), \$3,000 for 20 months with a yield of 1.7%.

We are still looking for CD's for the \$13,500 remaining in the money market account.

Delta Issues:

The Delta Stewardship Council released its first draft of the Delta Plan. In this first of four drafts, the Plan states that California's total water supply is oversubscribed, that California regularly uses more water annually than is provided by nature and that "New Delta flow standards will be needed to achieve the ecosystem restoration objectives of the coequal goals". NCWA is involved in this process.

Also, the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) has released a new book "Managing California's Water". It does not suggest deep water conservation on farms, nor presume that all of the state's native fishes can be saved or that all its aquatic habitats should be restored to some pre-settlement ideal. Rather, the theme is "reconciliation," which is defined by the PPIC as managing California's water resources to benefit the environment and the economy of today.

CVP Long-Term Water Transfers EIS/EIR:

This process is at a crossroads of either falling apart or moving forward as a much smaller program. Last week, all of the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (GCID, RD 108, Natomas etc.) pulled out of this program due to concerns about the future water supply. This effectively removes about 2/3's of the potentially transferable water that this EIS/EIR might have been able to develop. BVID (with the help of BKS) is carefully monitoring this process to ensure that we are not pulled into an unworkable document.

Meetings:

Past:

- 02-18-11 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 02-22-11 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) meeting was canceled due to illness.
- 02-23-11 I met with Matt Swindle and Steve Neilsen (NLine Energy) to discuss the Hydro process from design to funding, construction and even how to market the power.

Future meetings:

- 02-28-11 NCWA Water Sustainability meeting in Woodland.
- 03-01-11 Accord Executive Committee meeting at YCWA.
- 03-07-11 Preliminary Biological Assessment for the Tennessee Creek Hydro Project.
- 03-09-11 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Paradise ID.
- 03-09-11 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 03-10-11 Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) meeting.
- 03-11-11 NCWA 19th Annual meeting in Chico.
- 03-28-11 through 04-04-11 Vacation.

Projects:

Past:

1. Continued work on the office remodeling project.
2. Rebuilt a section of the Lambert ditch including some concrete work.

3. Rebuilt a concrete wall at the Arnold diversion and repaired a service in the same location.
4. Trimmed trees on the Sicard, Harding, and Thousand Trails ditches.
5. Two crew members and the Operations Manager attended an all day pesticide seminar in Chico on 02-16-11.
6. Repaired breaks on the Hill Road and Bald Mountain pipelines.

Future:

1. Finish the last concrete pour in the new large shop.
2. Upgrade the Spring Glenn pipeline connection.
3. Rebuild the Trash Rack on the Pumpline canal at Loma Rica Road.
4. Rebuild the Trash Rack at the head of the Lower Main/Olive Hill Siphon.
5. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
6. Complete the office remodel.

6. Authorization of General Manager to be Appointed as an Alternate Representative on the ACWA Region 2 Legislative Committee: Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen moved to authorize the General Manager to be appointed as an alternate representative on the ACWA Region 2 Legislative Committee. All ayes, motion passed.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None.

8. Correspondence:

- Letter to Dale Johnson regarding history presentation.
- Letter to BVID water users regarding water rates.

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