

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 11, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: Employee Ken Hugg discussed auditing procedures. No action taken.

3. Collins Lake Drought Update: No action taken.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,162.8 ft, which is 20.2 ft below spill. This amounts to 63% of storage with 31,200 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 1.02 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,153.2 ft, which is 29.8 ft below spill (48% or 23,800 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 1.02 cfs.

Staff Activities:

On February 23, 2010 one of our newest crew members passed his Commercial Drivers License (driving) test and now has that license.

2009 Water Legislation:

One of the more pressing requirements that has come from the recently passed legislation is the SWRCB Statement of Water Diversions and Use for the District's Pre-1914 Water Right. In order to avoid fines of \$1,000 plus \$500/day, we will need to report our 2009 Yuba River diversions to the State Board prior to July 1st of this year. We will then need to report our Pre-1914 diversions every three (3) years going forward.

2010 Accord Water Transfer:

The price for this year's Accord Ground Water Substitution pumping will be \$148.50 per acre foot (net to the pumper). The District's allocation for this year (due to concerns with potential impacts to District 10 wells) will be 3,000 acre feet. This will need to be allocated to the BVID well and the rest of the pumpers within the District.

In order to gain a better understanding of the how the north Yuba Groundwater Basin functions and to help establish the sustainable yield of that basin, YCWA will be increasing the monitoring of non-production wells in the area. However, YCWA has made it very clear that they will not monitor or pay for the monitoring of production wells (currently the member units each monitor their own production wells). The proposal being made is for the four (4) north basin districts (including Cordua) to share in the costs to have the production wells in District 10 sounded (during the non-pumping season) and check the water quality (EC testing) three (3) times during the pumping season. Also being suggested is for the north basin districts to purchase and install up to four (4) well data loggers, to be installed in selected District 10 production wells (a well data logger costs about \$2,000). BVID's portion of these costs can be covered from the Accord Well Mitigation Reserves, if approved.

Meetings:

Past:

- 02-12-10 I attended the south Yuba Groundwater Basin meeting (as a representative of the north basin) at YCWA.
- 02-16-10 The Pipeline Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss the next phase of the Peoria/Ellis pipeline.
- 02-17-10 I met with Joan Maher (Santa Clara VWD) in Davis to discuss a possible 2010 Yuba River Conserved Water transfer.
- 02-17-10 I participated in an ACWA Region 2 Legislative sub-committee conference call.
- 02-18-10 I attended a NCWA Proposition 50 meeting in Sacramento.
- 02-19-10 Director Winchester and I attended the Member Units Committee meeting in Marysville.
- 02-23-10 I attended the YCWA Board meeting in Marysville concerning the 2010 Water Bond.
- 02-23-10 The History Committee (Director Bordsen) met to review historical documents.
- 02-23-10 Director Winchester and I met with Steve Olin (Edward Jones) in Yuba City.
- 02-24-10 I met with Leah Parker (PG&E) to discuss rebates for the electrification of the Saddleback Lift Pump.

Future:

- 02-26-10 North Yuba Groundwater Basin meeting at YCWA.
- 03-01-10 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 03-05-10 North Yuba Groundwater Basin/District 10 meeting at YCWA.
- 03-10-10 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.

Projects:

Past:

1. Audited a large section of the Too Handy, Benatar, and Valley of the Eagles pipelines. Finished auditing the Lightning Trail pipeline.
2. Removed a large oak tree from the Thousand Trails ditch.
3. Built service locks.
4. Completed the Landerman pipeline.
5. Completely sprayed the Lower Main ditch.
6. Repaired a backhoe hose, and two hoses on the KX-61 excavator.
7. Began the replacement of the KD canal gate on the Pumpline canal.
8. Sealed the roof of the Redhill East turbine house.
9. Installed a vault and main line pressure reducer on the Peoria pipeline
10. Worked on painting the trim in the new property.

Future:

1. Repair the break on the Upper Main pipeline.
2. Begin replacing the pipe at the head of the Sicard ditch.
3. Spray weather permitting.
4. Finish the concrete work in the new barn.

5. Pipeline Committee Report: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to proceed with the next section of the Peoria Pipeline as proposed. All ayes, motion passed.

6. 2009 Audit: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, moved to enter into a 1 year agreement with Diane Watts CPA for the 2009 Audit. Directors Woods, Wheeler & Bordsen voted aye, Director Winchester abstained, motion passed.

7. 2010 Water Bond: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen moved to support the *Safe, Clean & Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010*. All ayes, motion passed.

8. Correspondence:

- Email from Donn Zea regarding Water Bond.
- Email from Mike Hinz regarding 2009 audit.

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