

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

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

Minutes: The minutes of the February 13, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler, all ayes, motion passed.

Public Forum: John Belza addressed the Board to request that the District begin the process to take over the Browns Valley Ridge pipeline. Staff will schedule a meeting of the Pipeline Committee to look into the matter.

Also, County Supervisor Hal Stocker provided the Board a copy of a portion of the results of a survey that was sent out recently. The two items provided that; 1. Most responders feel that our open space should be preserved and 2. The vast majority of responders do not support the Spring Valley Project. No action taken.

Road on the East Side of Collins Lake: The Board discussed with the (east side of Collins) landowner, Eric Johnson, the process that the District has been working on to resolve this issue. Staff updated the Board on the efforts to document the recorded easements in the area and create a map of both the parcels and the easements. The map is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. No action taken.

Committee Assignments for the year 2008: Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to accept the Committee Assignments as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,164 ft, which is 19 ft below spill (a gain of 7 ft since the last Board meeting). The Generator is off with releases of 1 CFS. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,171 ft, which is 12 ft below spill. The Generator was off with releases of 23 CFS.

The survey of the Virginia Ranch Dam has been completed. The survey shows that the Dam is stable.

The annual maintenance of the powerhouse is underway. The insurance company (through JPIA) has requested several tests that have not been done for several years

(mostly oil samples). As a result, this year's maintenance costs will be higher than what has become normal.

Tony Ward (with an assist from Mark Sayers) compiled and sent FERC the 2007 elevation and toe drain data from Virginia Ranch Dam in chart and graph form as requested.

The rain gauge that will be located on the roof of the Collins Lake store is scheduled to be installed one day next week.

Spring Valley Project:

In response to some questions that came out of the January 16, 2008 DAC/Spring Valley Project Committee meeting, MBK has released the final draft (with cover memo) of the Water Supply Study for the Spring Valley Project. This document still needs to go to the Spring Valley Project Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) for their review. The Committee will bring the Water Supply Study to the Board with their recommendation as to acceptance.

Director Bordsen and I met with Axel Karshoej and Ron Erny to discuss the developer's time-line and the next steps that the District needs to take.

Meetings:

Past:

- 02-14-08 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Western Canal WD (near Richvale).
- 02-14-08 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA managers meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 02-20-08 I attended the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan meeting at YCWA in Marysville.
- 02-22-08 Director Bordsen and I met with the Spring Valley Project developer (Axel Karshoej) in Marysville.
- 02-22-08 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA Annual meeting in Yuba City.
- 02-22-08 The Personnel Committee met concerning a possible new District, full time staff position.
- 02-26-08 Tony Ward met with West Yost (Frank Helmick) concerning a proposal to study the capacity of the air vent located at the head of the penstock at Virginia Ranch Dam.

Future:

None scheduled (I was planning on being on vacation next week) but illness will prevent that trip.

Projects:

Past:

1. Removed the spray rig from the dead Suzuki and installed it on the Honda four-wheeler.
2. Continued cleaning and clearing the Sicard ditch.
3. Continued brush removal and spraying the Pumpline canal.
4. Removed a large tree from the Harding canal.
5. Repaired a leak to the air system on the dump truck.
6. Installed a new walkway with handrail at the triple spill on the Harding canal.

Future:

1. Continue ditch cleaning and spraying.
2. Install the Control Structure for the Pumpline canal west of Ahart slough.
3. Rebuild flumes on the Thousand Trails ditch as necessary.
4. Finish the Sicard ditch clearing and cleaning.

New Full-Time Position: After discussion as to the District's financial ability to support an increase in overhead costs vs. the need for the position, Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to create a new permanent, full-time Planning/GIS Technician position with a starting salary of \$42,000/year using the job description as presented. Three ayes and one no vote, motion passed.

Yuba River Accord Committee Assignment: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to appoint the General Manager to both the Yuba River Accord Management and Technical Committees. All ayes, motion passed.

Motorized operator for the steel slide gate at the Powerhouse: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve the proposal to motorize the operator for the steel slide gate at the Powerhouse. All ayes, motion passed.

Correspondence:

- Fax from Eric Johnson concerning the dozer road on the east side of Collins.
- Email from Josh Horowitz concerning the east side of Collins.
- Letter from The Reed Group concerning financial reserves for domestic water.

Closed Session: The Board then went into Closed Session to consider filling the newly created Planning/GIS Technician position, including terms and conditions.

Closed Session: The Board also in Closed Session discussed with the ad hoc committee (Directors Bordsen and Woods) a negotiation for a possible property purchase from Caesar Abcarius.

Open Session: The Board, in closed session agreed to hire Mark Sayers to fill the Planning/GIS Technician position under the following conditions. The anniversary date will be January 11, 2008. Sick Leave and Vacation will accrue from the anniversary date and the change in pay shall take effect on March 7, 2008.

There was no action taken in closed session on the possible property purchase.

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