

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MARCH 10, 2011**

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

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the February 24, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, all ayes, motion passed.

**Public Forum:** None.

**Finance Committee Report:** Directors Wheeler & Winchester reported that they had reviewed the February financial records and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the October financial records. All ayes, motion passed.

Update on the 2011 District Budget. The Board received and discussed a draft of the 2011 Budget. No action taken.

**Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

Current elevation is 1,183.2 ft, which is 0.2 ft above spill. This amounts to 100% of storage with 49,500 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 1,070 Kw with releases of 226 cfs (generation at 135 CFS and spill of 91 CFS). Last year on this date the elevation was 1,168.3ft, which is 14.7 ft below spill (73.0% or 36,140 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 1.02 cfs.

The Rain Gage at Collins Lake is back up and running as of yesterday. Unfortunately, the data from the temporary logger that has been in place since early December is corrupted and any rain data we might have retrieved is lost.

**Financial Activities:**

The District purchased one CD through Edward Jones at First Financial Bank (Ohio), \$10,000 for 27 months with a yield of 1.72%.

**Staff Activities:**

On March 4, 2011 one of the Crew Members was dismissed, leaving a vacant position. This position will not be filled until the Budget is approved and plan is in place for this year.

The Office Manager attended the ACWA/HBA meeting in Sacramento today.

## **Delta Issues:**

Senator Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) heard testimony from Delta Watermaster Craig Wilson during a hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water. As the lead Republican member of the committee, LaMalfa expressed serious concerns about Wilson's broad interpretation of his position's role and his policy proposals.

Senator LaMalfa addressed two major policy proposals included in the Watermaster's recent report to the State Water Resources Control Board. The report suggested that cease and desist orders should be issued to growers who are believed to be using water inefficiently. LaMalfa said that this proposal eliminates due process rights in favor of a presumption of guilt – a suggestion that should concern every Californian, not just those working in agriculture.

The other proposal suggested that farmers change their crops to varieties with lower water requirements, a statement that LaMalfa said displayed Wilson's lack of knowledge of California's agriculture industry.

## **Tennessee Creek Hydro Project:**

The preliminary biological assessment for this project was done on March 7, 2011. While the report is not yet complete, there were a few items that will need to be resolved as this project moves forward; 1) There will need to be a Wetlands Delineation for four areas within the foot print. 2) There are two Elderberry bushes in the area. 3) We will need to complete a study on the effect of flow reduction in both the ditch and creek. 4) Mitigation for any Oak tree impacts and. 5) There may need to be a Red Legged Frog survey.

## **Meetings:**

### **Past:**

- 02-28-11 I attended the NCWA Sustainability meeting at Yolo County Flood Control.
- 03-01-11 I attended the Accord Executive Committee meeting at YCWA.
- 03-02-11 I participated in the Communications Committee conference call.
- 03-09-11 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Paradise.
- 03-09-11 The Finance Committee met to review the February bills and discuss the draft 2011 Budget.

### **Future:**

- 03-11-11 NCWA 19<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting in Chico.
- 03-14-11 ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-14-11 Special Board meeting, Water Rates Hearing.
- 03-15-11 NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-16-11 Yuba Accord meeting at YCWA.
- 03-17-11 District 10 meeting at YCWA.
- 03-28-11 through 04-04-11 Vacation.

05-11-11 through 05-13-11 ACWA Conference in Sacramento

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Continued work on the office remodeling project.
2. Trimmed and removed trees from the Sicard and Harding ditches, and removed a tree from the Ellis ditch.
3. Repaired the Heintzen and Lower Main ditches where high water had washed the bank.
4. Cleaned up debris piles from the screens and road crossings.
5. Mechanically cleaned the Finch ditch.
6. Replaced an air vent on the Duckels extension.
7. Removed a log jam from the Tennessee Creek diversion.
8. Sprayed the Ellis ditch, half of the Sicard and the lower Harding canal.

**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.

**Drought Declaration:** Director Lowe, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to declare the drought over. All ayes, motion passed.

**Dues Payment to the Ag Water Management Council:** No Action taken. Died for lack of a motion.

**Director's Comments and Reports:** None.

**Correspondence:**

- o Letter from the Ag Water Management Council regarding dues.
- o Letter to State Farm Insurance regarding a possible claim.
- o Letter from Scotts valley Water District regarding the nomination to ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee.

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