

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 13, 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, Woods and Wheeler. Also in attendance was Manager Cotter. Clerk Powell was absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 28, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen, all ayes, motion passed.

Public Forum: Dave Stipp, a Board member of the Loma Rica-Browns Valley CSD addressed the Board concerning the two open seats on the LAFCO that are reserved for special districts and that we may want work with the CSD to find out just what it will take to fill those seats. Staff will look into the matter. No action taken.

IRWMP Presentation: Mike Cornelius (GEI) and Scott Matyac (YCWA) provided an overview of the final steps in the completion of the Yuba County IRWMP. No action taken.

Resolution to Adopt the Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management

Plan: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve Resolution 08-03-13-01 to Adopt the Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (attached). President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Lowe, Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler, Winchester.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None

Resolution 08-03-13-01 passed.

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 Woods, moved to approve the February financial records. All ayes, motion passed.

2008 Budget: The Finance Committee reported that they had worked hard to put together the draft budget for 2008. Director Wheeler moved to adopt the 2008 Budget. The motion died for lack of a second. The Board then discussed moving both the purchase of the replacement Excavator (one half to be paid this year) and the purchase of the replacement side-by-side quad runner from the Contingent Purchase to the Capital Purchases. Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods moved to adopt the 2008 Budget edited to include the purchase the replacement Excavator (one half to be paid this year) and the purchase of the replacement side-by-side quad runner. All ayes, motion passed.

Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,165.5 ft, which is 17.5 ft below spill (this is 68% of capacity). The Generator is off with releases of 1 CFS. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,174 ft, which is 9 ft below spill. The Generator was running at 100 Kw with releases of 35 CFS.

Staff Activities:

Carey Powell is still recuperating from her shoulder surgery. She will be out for at least another 6 to 8 weeks.

Financial Activities:

The \$60,000 CD with Omni National Bank (Edward Jones) matured on February 19th and the \$13,000 CD with Countrywide Bank (Edward Jones) matured on February 22nd. The two were reinvested (using additional funds from the Money Market account) with:

Privatebank & Trust Co. (Chicago), \$45,000, for 12 months at 3.55%
GMAC Bank (Utah), \$35,000, for 12 months at 3.6%

LAFCO Municipal Service Review:

The consultant that is working for Yuba County LAFCO has provided a draft Municipal Service Review of the District. We will need to provide comments back to the consultant by March 26th.

Hill Road Pipeline:

A 140' long section of exposed 12" steel pipeline that crosses Prairie Creek will need to be replaced before the irrigation season begins. The pipe has several leaks in it and is ready to fail in several more.

Meetings:

Past:

- 03-05-08 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 03-05-08 I met with PG&E in Marysville concerning our project to convert the BVID well to electricity.
- 03-06-08 Mark Sayers and I met with John Drew (Saddleback Ranch) and Jim Van Tress concerning water needs and possible routing for the Saddleback Lift Station.
- 03-06-08 The Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) met to review the February bills and the draft 2008 Budget.
- 03-07-08 The Spring Valley Project Committee met to discuss the final draft of the Spring Valley Project Water Supply Study.
- 03-11-08 I met with Steve Greenwood (Durham Pump) concerning pumps for the Saddleback Lift Station.

03-13-08 The Drought Committee (Directors Lowe and Wheeler) met to discuss Drought year operations and projects.

Future Meetings:

03-19-08 Meeting with YCWA to confirm the electric ag wells in BVID.

03-20-08 ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Sacramento.

03-25-08 OES training for special districts in Marysville.

Projects:

Past:

1. Removed trees from the Harding canal.
2. Continued spraying the Pumpline canal and the Thousand Trails ditch.
3. Completed a screen improvement on the Peoria pipeline.
4. Installed the control structure in the Pumpline canal, west of Ahart Slough.
5. Removed a 3' culvert and replaced it with a 4' culvert on the Harding canal.
6. Repaired a break on the Sandy Way pipeline and the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline.
7. Completed the archeological survey for the CEQA work on the Dry Creek Recapture Project.

Future:

1. Continue ditch cleaning and spraying.
2. Replace the steel pipe crossing on the Hill Road pipeline at Prairie Creek.
3. Repair leaks on the Hill Road, and the Mahle pipeline.
4. Install a new Pumpline Service for Rich Burtelson at Richard Woods property.

Water Supply Study: After the Board discussed their legal inability to weigh in on land use issues and the legal requirement to make water available (when the supply exists) to landowners in the District, Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to accept the Water Supply Study for the Spring Valley Project, as a living document. All ayes, motion passed.

Drought Committee Report: Directors Lowe and Wheeler reported that they had met with the Saddleback Ranch manager (John Drew) concerning the possibility of installing a lift station at the Pumpline canal to pump water to the upper bench of rice ground. They also reported that they were reviewing a draft drought policy document and will be bring it to the Board at a future meeting. No action taken.

Correspondence:

Memo from the General Manager to the Board concerning projects to be completed before the water season begins.

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