

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 14, 2011**

President Woods called the Special 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

Public Forum: None.

Public Hearing, 2011 Water Rates and Rate Increase Limits for 2012 and 2013:

President Woods explained the ground rules for the public hearing and then opened the Public Hearing:

Barbara Thrasher asked why the water rates were increasing.

Barry Taylor asked about the old Miner's Inches pricing vs. Units pricing.

John Reemts asked about the increase to the Redhill East Maintenance Change.

Chester Pidgeon asked about the BVID Property Tax.

Marilyn Brown asked that the increase be set for just the one year's increase.

Mark Barnum questioned the timing of the increase vs. the current economy.

Ken Odem asked that we cut expenses instead of an increase.

Cecil Thrasher asked what the BVID Property Tax was paying.

Larry Dumas felt that we should charge the builders of private pipelines for the upgrades to those pipelines.

Susan Lee asked about the wages paid to employees.

Gary Yarborough questioned force reduction vs. a change in service levels and asked for winter water.

John Drew asked for Winter Water and that the increase be set for just the one year's increase.

Charlie Sexton opposed a 3 year plan and asked about Spring Valley's annual payment.

Having no more public wishing to speak, President Woods closed the Public Hearing.

Manager Cotter noted that the District had received 12 protest letters from the 1,845 parcels that receive water in the District.

2011 Water Rate and the maximum limits for 2012 and 2013: Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen moved that the 2011 Water Rates be set as proposed (see below) but that the water rate increase limits for 2012 and 2013 not be set as part of this proceeding. Directors Lowe, Bordsen, Woods and Wheeler voted aye with Director Winchester voting no, motion passed.

Water Rates for 2011

Administration Charge – \$150.00

Unit rate - \$85.00

Acre-Foot - \$15.00

Redhill East Maint. Assessment - \$105.00

Out of District;

Admin Charge \$150.00

In-Lieu Tax Charge \$118.00

Per Unit rate \$180.00

or

Per Acre Foot \$ 20.80

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