

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MARCH 22, 2012**

At 5:00 pm President Lowe called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Wheeler, Woods, Bordsen and Winchester. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the March 8, 2012 Regular Board Meeting and the March 15, 2012 Special Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** John Newton of 12230 Loma Rica Road had questions regarding Annexation and paying out of District rates.

**3. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,183.5 ft, which is 0.5 ft. above spill. This amounts to 100% of storage with 49,500 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 312.7 cfs (309.7 cfs of spill). Last year on this date the elevation was 1,183.9 ft, which is 0.9 ft above spill (100% or 49,500 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 1,000 Kw with releases of 971 cfs (846 cfs of spill).

PG&E is in the process of law review en route to execution of the revised Power Purchase Agreement. However, now PG&E has determined that because we are moving to a Feed-in-Tariff contract, we will not be able to generate until the CalISO process is complete (~ July).

**Staff Activities:**

The Operations Manager held a safety meeting on the topic of dog bites and snake bites.

**Yuba River Lift Pump Repairs:**

The three (3) pumps removed for repair have been torn down and evaluated. Both of the pumps removed for low efficiency will require new impellers (one due to large missing sections and the other is paper thin) but all of the bowls are in good condition. The pump with the bad top seal does need a bit of a touchup to the impeller but is otherwise in good shape. All of the pumps are expected to be back in place and ready to run the first week of April.

**Water Transfers:**

The recent rains (and snow in the high Sierras) are not expected to dampen the desire for transfer water from the buyers. However, the potential increase in snowpack has lessened the urgency for additional supplies as well as some of our bargaining power.

## **Bay-Delta:**

Bartkiewicz Kronick & Shanahan is working with two other Sacramento Valley water attorneys (including GCID's attorneys) to scope out the technical work needed to participate effectively in the State Water Board's pending Bay-Delta flow objective proceeding. As part of that work, they are trying to develop possible cost-sharing methods and may be heading toward a cost-split that would be based on water diversions.

## **Tennessee Ditch Hydro:**

The internet has taken our Request for Letter of Interest to an international yet close to home level. We received a letter of Interest from the same company that built the generator in our existing powerhouse, Hangzhou Zhijiang Power Station Equipment Engineering Company, Ltd.

## **Meetings:**

### **Past:**

- 3-09-12 Director Winchester, the GIS/Planner and I attended the NCWA Annual meeting in Chico.
- 3-12-12 I attended the Accord Buyers negotiation in Sacramento.
- 3-13-12 I provided a tour of the proposed Tennessee Ditch Hydro project to Joe Jiminez (Renco Hydropower).
- 3-14-12 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Paradise.
- 3-19-12 I attended the Accord member Unit Executive Committee meeting concerning the 2012 Accord water transfer negotiations.
- 3-20-12 The Pipeline Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss the Kovacovich extension and possible changes to the Connection Fees.
- 3-21-12 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting in Williams.
- 3-21-12 I participated in the ACWA Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 3-22-12 The Personnel Committee (Directors Lowe and Bordsen) met to discuss Board members as employees or contractors.

### **Future Meetings:**

- 3-23-12 ACWA Legislative Committee (as a voting substitute for Thad Bettner (GCID)).
- 3-23-12 (GIS/Planner) Dan Logue Water Forum in Chico.
- 3-23-12 Meeting with Steve Dalrymple (West Yost) in Davis concerning the proposed Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 3-26-12 Accord Buyers Negotiation in Sacramento.
- 3-28-12 YCWA Member Units Groundwater Pumping Workshop in Marysville.
- 3-30-12 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 4-2 through 4-6 Vacation.
- 4-06-12 NCWA Communication Committee conference call.
- 4-11-12 ACWA Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.

4-12-12 Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) meeting to review the March bills and statements.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Completed the annual oil change in the small engines.
2. Installed 1,080' of conduit and the first toe drain stilling well at Virginia Ranch Dam.
3. Installed a new 8' measuring weir and stilling well at Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse.
4. Sprayed around the main valves and wharf valves with preemergent.
5. Completed a 90 day BIT inspection March 16<sup>th</sup>.
6. Completed the CHP commercial vehicle inspection March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
7. Installed new weed racks at the McMahon siphon on the Harding Canal and the BV Main siphon near the Lions Club.
8. Removed brush and trees along the Harding canal.

**Future Projects:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Pave the Redhill Way road edge where it was cut for pipe removal.
3. Finish the conduit and second stilling well install at the Virginia Ranch Dam second toe drain.

**4. 2012 Budget:** After discussion Director Bordsen seconded by Director Woods moved to accept the 2012 Budget with changes made to the water truck loading permit as follows. The fees for the water truck loading permit will be increased from \$50.00 plus \$5.00 a load to \$100.00 flat fee if the water is being used in the BVID District and \$500.00 if the water is being used outside the BVID District. All ayes, motion passed.

**5. Personnel Committee Report:** Concerning the payment of Board members as contractors or employees. Discussion only no action taken.

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

**7. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated 3-14-12 to Dr. Jerry Meral, Deputy Secretary regarding BDCP Modeling Upstream Contributions

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