

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 25, 2010**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the March 11, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Collins Lake Drought Update: No action taken.

6. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,171.2 ft, which is 11.8 ft below spill. This amounts to 77.9% of storage with 38,580 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 1.02 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,169.2 ft, which is 13.8 ft below spill (74% or 36,800 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 1.02 cfs.

As this is an even numbered year, we are required to have Virginia Ranch Dam surveyed. GDA Engineering will be doing that work.

East Side of Collins Lake Road:

This process is moving forward on two fronts. First, BKS has provided a draft of the easement documents and the ad hoc Committee is reviewing them for edits. A revised draft will be made available to the Board in the near future. Second, staff has made edits to the landowner supplied draft survey of the upper portion of the road easement and expect to have those changes back from the surveyor soon. The landowner involved approves of the requested changes.

Staff Activities:

One of the crewmembers, after agreeing to a "fit for duty evaluation" as he stated that he was unable to operate the weed eater, went on disability last week. This is not a workers compensation issue. He is expected to be out for at least 60 days.

The Operations Manager and two of the crewmembers attended a pesticide training class in Sacramento on March 23rd.

Financial Activities:

The Certificate of Deposit at Umpqua Bank in the amount of \$80,000 matured on March 19th. I will be looking for a new home for these funds.

Water Rights:

As part of fulfilling a request from YCWA, Cordua ID sent a letter to YCWA explaining their water right claims. Two items of note were included in this letter 1) Cordua claims a Pre-1914 water right on the Yuba River (2,500 Miners Inches) (filed in 1874) that predates the BVID Pre-1914 water right on the north fork of the Yuba River (filed in 1890), and 2) The letter erroneously suggests that the 1921 certification of the BVID water right somehow alters our priority date. BKS is working on this issue and will respond to both Cordua and YCWA.

Water Transfers:

The agreement for the District's 2010 Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer has been reviewed by BKS, edited and returned to Santa Clara for their concurrence. Most of the changes involve how the long term EIR is represented in the agreement.

For the 2010 Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer; 1) Steve Grinell is working on the in-District well allocations and will have those numbers to us soon. 2) It appears that the 2010 Cordua transfer is not coming together as both the State Water Contractors and the CVP Contractors have stated that they are not interested in a transfer from Cordua.

Rental Property:

The District's rental house has been rented at a rate of \$850.00 per month and is being managed by Valley Fair Realty in Yuba City. The management fee will be \$70.00 per month. BVID will also provide the garbage service for the house.

Meetings:**Past:**

- 03-12-10 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA Managers meeting at YCWA.
- 03-16-10 Mark Sayers and I met with Erick Johnson to walk the upper portion of the east side of Collins Lake proposed road easement to make edits to that draft survey.
- 03-17-10 I attended the South Yuba Groundwater Basin meeting at YCWA.
- 03-17-10 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board and State Legislator meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-19-10 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 03-23-10 I attended the YCWA Board meeting in Marysville concerning Amendment #2 to the Accord Conjunctive Use Agreements.

Future:

- 04-22-10 New Earth Market Ground Breaking (conflict w/Board meeting).
- 05-03-10 ACWA JPIA Board meeting in Monterey.

05-4-10 thru 5-7-10 ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey.

Projects:

Past:

1. Audited a large section of the Finch and Fig Tree pipelines and rebuilt some of the old services.
2. Serviced the 10 ton equipment trailer including the replacement of four worn out tires, fixed air leaks and wear points on the brake lines.
3. Rebuilt and improved the keyway on the Pumpline canal at H1 which is just downstream of the District lift pump in Saddleback Ranch.
4. Started and finished the 900' Vollmer pipeline extension.
5. Began the repair of the Upper Main pipeline.
6. Completed maintenance on the paddlewheel screens.
7. Ditches and canals are being prepared for water season.
8. The fencing project at the new property is nearing completion.
9. We passed a Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) hazmat inspection by the County.

Future:

1. Finish the repair of the break on the Upper Main pipeline.
2. Begin replacing the pipe at the head of the Sicard ditch.
3. Spray weather permitting.
4. Finish the concrete work in the new barn.

5. Director's Comments & Reports: Director Winchester reported on NCWA Board Meeting/Legislative luncheon; Director Bordsen showed a PowerPoint presentation the history of BVID.

6. Groundwater Management Plan: Discussion only, no action taken.

7. Memorandum of Understanding Between Northern California Water Association and Certain Local water Suppliers in the Sacramento Valley for the Proposition 50 Implementation Funding as Part of the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan: After discussion, Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Northern California Water Association and Certain Local water Suppliers in the Sacramento Valley for the Proposition 50 Implementation Funding as Part of the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. All ayes, motion passed.

8. Correspondence:

- Letter from Paul Minasian to YCWA regarding Historic Appropriative Right Filings for Cordua Irrigation District.

- Email to Charlie Mathews from Eric Chapman (SWC) regarding Cordua Irrigation District 2010 water sale.
- Email from Attorney Horowitz regarding BVID Groundwater Management Plan (confidential).
- Email from Donn Zea regarding Governor's Delta Stewardship Council Appointments.
- Letter to employee Thomas Wooten regarding step raise & performance evaluation.

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