

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 26, 2009**

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the March 12, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. Ayes: Directors Winchester, Lowe, Woods & Wheeler. Noes: Director Bordsen. Motion passed.

Public Forum: None.

Collins Lake Drought Update: After discussion, Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to approve the following 2009 Irrigation Schedule subject to adjustments throughout the season as needed due to future weather conditions:

2009 water season will begin April 10-12. The water will continue on a 3-day schedule (Fri-Sun) throughout the month of April. May through August the water will run on a 5-day schedule (Wed-Sun). September will decrease to a 3-day schedule (Fri-Sun). October will decrease to a 2-day schedule (Sat-Sun).

Additionally, it was decided that those inch users whose *business* farming (animals or crops) is dependent on the irrigation water may be allowed to increase their usage by one miner's inch, subject to approval by the General Manager.

All ayes, motion passed.

Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,169.3 ft, which is 13.7 ft below spill. The Generator is off with releases of 1.0 cfs. This amounts to 75% of storage with 37,000 Acre Feet of usable supplies. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,166.8 ft, which is 16.2 ft below spill. The Generator was off with releases of 1.02 cfs.

Staff Activities:

Leroy Mossi's revaluation for his shoulder is scheduled for the end of March. Randy Westerman, Dan Ward, and Tony Ward attended a pesticide training meeting in Sacramento on March 19, 2009.

Conserved Water Transfer:

We have hit a small snag with the contract with Santa Clara Valley W D. for this transfer. The issue is whether we have a “take or pay” vs. a “take and pay” clause. In previous years we have used take and pay but because we are trying to maintain parity with the Drought Water Bank wanted to insert take or pay. The problem is that this parity does not extend to the Delta pumps and creates a risk that is not acceptable.

Accord Groundwater Substitution Pumping:

The 2009 agreements should be ready to put in place at the next Board meeting and there is a demand for as much water as we can produce. The net price to the pumpers is expected to be \$189.00 per acre foot.

Saddleback Lift Pump:

The floor of the pump station has been poured, the rebar is tied together and the forms are being set for the walls. The concrete pour for the walls is expected to happen next week. The pump column has arrived and is ready to set.

Meetings:

Past:

- 03-13-09 I participated in the Accord/Member Unit Executive Committee conference call.
- 03-16-09 Director Winchester and I attended the Member unit meeting at YCWA.
- 03-17-09 I attended the ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-17-09 I attended the NCWA Strategic Communications Committee meeting at YCWA.
- 03-19-09 Director Winchester and I met with Andrew Coolidge to discuss topics for upcoming news letters.
- 03-24-09 Director Winchester and I attended the Member unit meeting at YCWA.
- 03-24-09 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Paradise.
- 03-25-09 I attended the Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan meeting at YCWA.
- 03-25-09 Tony met with Rich Burtleson to discuss alternate ways to service his property north of Honcut Creek
- 03-26-09 The Drought Committee (Directors Wheeler & Lowe) met to discuss the 2009 delivery schedule and plan.

Future Meetings:

- 03-30-09 YCWA Member Unit meeting in Marysville.
- 04-01-09 ACWA Region 2 Legislative sub Committee conference call.
- 04-02-09 NCWA Strategic Communications Committee conference call.
- May 19th through 22nd ACWA Conference in Sacramento

Projects:

Past:

1. Installed a main line check valve and containment at Monument Trail.
2. Completed a list of reconnects per Carey.
3. Repaired an electrical problem with the fish screens at the Yuba River.
4. Installed a culvert in a side spill on the Sicard ditch to make a safe crossing point.
5. Continued with the weed abatement program on several ditches
6. Hung the DD service gate ring and now need to install the rest of the gate.

Future:

1. Rebuild another crossing over a side spill on the Sicard ditch.
2. Continue the Valley of Eagles/Monument Trail intertie conditions permitting.
3. Finish the DD service on the Pumpline Canal.
4. Install the new lift station at Saddleback Ranch.

Budget 2009: Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the 2009 Budget with corrections to annexation fees and discounted water rate. All ayes, motion passed.

Long Term Transfer: Discussion on Long Term Conserved Water Transfer from the Yuba River Water Right. No action taken.

Liability for Accord Groundwater Pumping Contract Updates: Discussion only, no action taken.

Correspondence:

- o Semi-annual report from Collin's Lake Recreational Area.
- o Memo from Walter Cotter regarding Long Term Conserved Water Transfer.

Closed Session: President Winchester announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to have a conference call with legal counsel regarding existing litigation. Any action taken in Closed Session would be reported when the meeting reconvened into Open Session.

Open Session: President Winchester reconvened the meeting into Open Session and reported that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

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