

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 8, 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 25, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Finance Committee Report:

- Financial Report for Month of March: Directors Wheeler and Winchester reported that they had reviewed the financial reports for the month of March and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of March. All ayes, motion passed.
- 2010 Budget: No action taken.

4. Collins Lake Drought Update: No action taken.

5. Consider Accepting the Collins Lake Semi-Annual Report, 2009-2010 Second Half: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the Collins Lake Semi-Annual Report, 2009-2010 Second Half. All ayes, motion passed.

6. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,175.1 ft, which is 7.9 ft below spill. This amounts to 85% of storage with 42,290 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 1.02 cfs. Last year on this date marked the beginning of the 2009 irrigation season. The elevation was 1,169.9 ft, which is 13.1 ft below spill (76% or 37,510 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 10.1 cfs.

Staff Activities:

The GIS/Planner attended an ESRI GIS Workshop in Sacramento on April 6th.

Financial Activities:

The Certificate of Deposit at Umpqua Bank that matured at \$82,018 on March 19th was rolled back into a CD at Umpqua for 18 months at 1.5%.

Out-of-District Water Users:

At the end of 2006 the Board allowed the out-of-District water users on Therese Trail to avoid the out-of-District water rates for that year and imposed that out-of-District rate in the following year. Also, due to conversion of the District data base (to a real data base), we are now better able to identify these out-of-District water users and have billed them accordingly. There have been a few issues with some of these landowners and I expect that some of them will seek some sort of relief at a future Board meeting.

Water Rights:

Included is a letter to Paul Minasian responding to his letter dated March 19th to YCWA concerning Cordua ID's and BVID's water rights. It clarifies the priority date of BVID's Pre-1914 water right as March 21, 1890 and also discussed the State Water Commission issued certificate in 1921.

Water Transfers:

In spite of the lack of an apparent buyer, Cordua ID is moving forward with what looks like a multi-year CEQA document for groundwater substitution transfers.

Meetings:

Past:

- 04-05-10 I participated (by phone) in a meeting of Sacramento Valley water users concerning the proposed bypass inundation flows and how that might be done in a manner that won't take water away from the districts.
- 04-06-10 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the March bills and to discuss the 2010 Budget.
- 04-06-10 Directors Winchester, Wheeler and I met in Sacramento with Josh Horowitz (BKS) and (by phone) Gary Keinlen to discuss BVID's groundwater management issues.
- 04-07-10 I attended a NCWA meeting in Marysville with Randy Fiorini, the newly appointed member of the Delta Stewardship Council.
- 04-07-10 I met with Diane Watts (CPA) in Yuba City to drop off the 2009 documents for the 2009 BVID audit.
- 04-07-10 I attended a NCWA and DWR meeting in Sacramento concerning our Prop. 50 and Prop. 204 grants.
- 04-08-10 I met with Fred Holmes concerning a request for "rent" from our well his property.
- 04-08-10 The Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen & Lowe) met to discuss a step raise for a crewmember.

Future:

- 04-12-10 NCWA Board/Managers conference call.
- 04-13-10 FERC mandated Face to Face and Security Plan meeting in Wheatland.

- 04-14-10 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 04-15-10 Easement meeting with Yuba County at Sycamore Ranch Campground.
- 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 Redhill East and Finch pipelines and rebuilt some of the old services.
2. Finished the repair of the Upper Main pipeline.
3. The fencing project at the new property is finished.
4. Installed a pressure reducer at Key Court in the Peoria Ridge subdivision.
5. Installed a new service on the Hill Road pipeline.
6. Repaired a section of the Harding Canal that was undermining Township Road.
7. Built and installed a new walkway at the head of the Mahle pipeline.
8. Removed the cyclone fence that ran between the existing District yard and the new District yard.
9. Completed the 90 day B.I.T. inspection on the dump truck.
10. Repaired a brush problem at the fish screens.
11. Repaired a break on the Hill Road pipeline and a break on Oat Hills Lane.

Future:

1. Repair a large leak at the head of the Sicard Ditch.
2. Spray weather permitting.
3. Finish the concrete work in the new barn.
4. Seal a leak at the Head of the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline and a leak at the Head of the Redhill East penstocks.

7. Director's Comments & Reports: Director Winchester discussed groundwater concerns. No action taken.

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

9. Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer: Director Lowe, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve the agreement for the 2010 Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer. All ayes, motion passed.

10. District Rules & Regulations: With the proposed corrections, Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the District Rules & Regulations as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

11. April 22, 2010 Board Meeting: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to move the April 22, 2010 Regular Board Meeting to April 29, 2010 at 5:00pm. All ayes, motion passed.

12. Correspondence:

- Email from Don Zea regarding Delta activities implementation flow chart.
- Semi-Annual Report from Collins Lake.

13. Closed Session: Director Woods announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to discuss an advancement for a crewmember. Any action taken in Closed Session would be reported when the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

14. Open Session: Director Woods announced that a step raise to Utility Worker I-Step 2 was approved for crewmember Scott Whiseant, retroactive to his 6 months from his date of hire.

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