

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 10, 2008**

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

Minutes: The minutes of the March 27, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and the corrected April 01, 2008 Special Board meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, all ayes, motion passed.

Public Forum: Diana Faron-Wilson asked for the definition of the word “Pumper” as it applies to BVID. President Winchester explained that it applied to the owners of Ag production wells in the rice portion of the District. Supervisor Hal Stocker expressed concern about the Daguerre Point Dam lawsuit (SYRCL vs. Army Corps of Engineers/ YCWA) and how that might affect the District’s ability to divert water, should the Dam be removed. No action taken.

Finance Committee Report: Directors Wheeler & Winchester reported that they had reviewed the March financial records and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the March financial records. All ayes, motion passed.

Emergency/Drought Water Conservation – Ordinance: Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the Emergency/Drought Water Conservation – Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2008-01) (attached). President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Lowe, Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler, Winchester.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None

Ordinance 2008-01 passed.

2008 Drought Operations: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the following drought operation plan;

1. Funds in the “Emergency Reserve Fund” will be used to cover the extra expense in dealing with the drought emergency declared by the Board.
2. Staff will propose a way to place staff in the District later into the evening and/or for more hours on the weekends. This proposal will be brought back to the next Board meeting.

3. Make checking orifice plates a priority for Ditch tenders and watching for water being wasted a priority for **ALL EMPLOYEES**.
4. Restrict all ponds/lakes that are not on a live stream to 6" below the overflow.
5. End the Heintzen ditch deliveries at the last service in the area of Hwy 20 and Marysville Rd. and pump from the Pumpline canal to serve the users in the Spring Valley Rd. area by installing an emergency temporary pump station.
6. Set up an emergency pump from the Pumpline canal to serve the Runway ditch on Saddle Back and restrict the pond water from Olive Hill to the same restriction as all other ponds in the District.
7. No increases in water deliveries to any costumer over last years use. Any new services not using water in 2007 will be restricted to a 1" service. Water will not be provided to fill any new ponds.
8. Whether or not winter water will be available for 2008-2009 will be determined in September by the Board.
9. The Board realizes that one size fits all may not work in some situations, however no BVID employee will be authorized to allow exceptions to any of the Emergency Drought rules. Any water user that feels their situation is unique and may require a variance is encouraged to address the Board through normal channels for a possible variance.
10. The Board shall review this plan at each meeting for possible adjustments as required to meet the target end of irrigation season water level in Collins Lake.

All ayes, motion passed.

Henry Smith Presentation: Henry described his recollections and assumptions concerning the Too Handy pipeline and the Monument Trail extension. He then stated that if the January 5, 2007 letter concerning the "December 7, 2006 Incident at BVID's Office" was not rescinded, that he was going to the Grand Jury. No action taken.

Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,166.6 ft, which is 16.4 ft below spill. The Generator is running at 420 Kw with releases of 66 CFS. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,174.8 ft, which is 8.2 ft below spill. The Generator was running at 310 Kw with releases of 54 CFS.

A trend line graph has been developed to track the actual Lake level compared to the computed lake level that will, at the end of the irrigation season, leave the Lake at no lower than 55' below spill.

LAFCO:

John Benoit (LAFCO) has put together a cost commitment sheet that depicts the approximate percentage that each special district will have to bear if at least 17 of the 32 special districts decide that representation on the LAFCO board is worth the annual cost.

Well Conversion:

The electric panel for the District's well is installed with the trenching and conduit installation to follow.

Saddleback Lift Station:

Ned Spieker has agreed to allow a one year, temporary, lift station to lift water to the Runway ditch and is being provided drawings and specifications for this temporary system. Ned will need to sign off on this above ground installation before the project can be installed. He also stated that if the District wants to install a long term lift station, it will have to terminate at the top of the fish ponds.

District Website:

We have located a local web designer who will be updating the District's website and instructing staff on how to post documents to the site. The updates should be in place in the next week.

Office Energy:

We will be taking advantage of a relamping program that is being funded by PG&E to replace the lamps in the District Office with tubes that will have the same light output but will consume half of the energy. This program will be completed at no cost to the District.

Meetings:

Past:

- 03-28-08 Director Winchester and I met with Ron Erny (Spring Valley Project) concerning the next steps that BVID needs to take and when those steps need to be taken.
- 04-01-08 Director Winchester and I attended the member unit meeting concerning pumping for 2008.
- 04-02-08 I met with PG&E at the District well concerning the conversion to electricity.
- 04-02-08 Director Winchester and I attended the YCWA/member unit meeting concerning pumping for 2008.
- 04-09-08 I attended the LAFCO hearing in Marysville.
- 04-10-08 The Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) met to review the March bills.

Future Meetings:

- 04-14-08 Meeting here with Marcus Bole Consulting for the sensitive plant and animal surveys (Dry Creek Recapture Project).
- 04-15-08 Meeting here with Kleinschmidt concerning the Harding Canal Project.
- 04-17-08 ACWA Water Forum in Sacramento.
- 04-18-08 Vacation Day.
- 04-23-08 Ag Water Management Council meeting in Sacramento.

Projects:

Past:

1. Replaced the 12” steel pipe 140’ long Prairie Creek crossing on the Hill Road pipeline.
2. Rebuilt the suspension and fixed the brakes on the small equipment trailer.
3. Completed the 90 day B.I.T. inspection on the dump truck and trailer.
4. Trenched and rolled a section of the Harding Canal.
5. Finished spraying the Lower Main, Cade, Finch, Dexter, and Lambert ditches and began spraying the Olive Hill ditch.
6. Installed a new service on the Olive Hill pipeline and the Mahle pipeline.
7. Repaired the brush mechanism on the Fish screens.

Future:

1. Continue ditch cleaning and spraying.
2. Install two new services one on the Olive Hill ditch the other on the Hill Road pipeline.
3. Install the conduit for the District well electrification.

Collins Lake Semi-Annual Report: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to accept the Collins Lake Semi-Annual Report, 2007-2008 Second Half. All ayes, motion passed.

Correspondence:

- o Letter from Henry Smith dated 3-31-08 concerning a request to be placed on the agenda.
- o Letter to Henry Smith dated 4-7-08 acknowledging Henry’s placement on the April 10, 2008 agenda.
- o Letter to Henry Smith dated 4-10-08 advising Henry of Dry Creek operations during the 2008 Collins Lake drought.

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