

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 12, 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 23, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of March and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of March. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,183.5 ft, which is 0.5 ft. above spill. This amounts to more than 100% of storage with 49,500 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is **running** at 1,040 KW with releases of 430 cfs (305 cfs of spill). Last year on this date the elevation was 1,183.06 ft, which is 0.06 ft above spill (100% or 49,500 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 1,000 KW with releases of 136 cfs (11 cfs of spill).

We did take advantage of the down time to replace the three (3) 12 KV blade switches located on the power pole at the Powerhouse. These are the switches that we patched together more than a year ago.

Staff Activities:

The GIS/Planner is attending a three-day GIS conference in Sacramento.

Yuba River Lift Pump Repairs:

The three (3) pumps removed for repair have been refurbished and are ready to install. We are only waiting for the rain to stop so that the pumps can be installed with a dry (and safe) pump deck.

Water Transfers:

The Accord Groundwater Substitution Transfer negotiations were not successful with the buyers making a best and final offer of \$165/Acre Foot. This offer was below this year's market range of \$175 - \$200 per Acre Foot and was not acceptable. Per the Accord Agreement, we sent a letter to the buyers before the April 1st deadline that due

to no agreement on pricing, there is zero acre feet of groundwater that could be pumped for transfer. With the increase in precipitation over the last few weeks, it will be interesting to see how the buyers respond at their April 15th commitment date.

Year of Lasts:

In addition to the General Obligation Bond pay off this year, this is also the last year we are required to report our Collins Lake recreation activities to DWR and the last year that we will receive a Will Serve payment from the UC Field Station (as part of the Upper Main pipeline project).

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

The MBK prepared Dry Creek Recapture Project Flow Study is in final cleanup and is expected to be completed early next week. The study observed 7cfs of recapturable flows but also noted that actual recapturable flows during the irrigation season may be as high as 10 cfs.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro:

We received a total of nine (9) letters of interest for this project with at least one not capable of serious consideration. Staff will sift through and provide the Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) with a breakdown of the qualifying letters.

Meetings:

Past:

- 3-23-12 I attended the ACWA Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 3-23-12 The GIS/Planner attended the Dan Logue Water Forum in Chico concerning Delta issues.
- 3-23-12 I met with Steve Dalrymple (West Yost) in Davis concerning the proposed Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 3-26-12 I attended the Accord Executive Committee meeting in Marysville concerning the Buyer's best-final-offer.
- 3-27-12 I participated in an ACWA Region 2 Conference call concerning the upcoming ACWA Board meeting.
- 3-28-12 Director Winchester and I attended the Yuba Groundwater Workshop in Marysville.
- 3-28-12 I participated in a Dry Creek Recapture Project Flow Study Conference call.
- 3-30-12 I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 4-2 through 4-5 and 4-9-12 Time off.
- 4-6-12 I participated in NCWA Communication Committee conference call.
- 4-9-12 I participated in the ACWA Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 4-10-12 Director Winchester and I attended the Hallwood Irrigation Company Board meeting.

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

Future Meetings:

4-18-12 Meeting with (Cindy Kao) Santa Clara VWD in Sacramento

Projects:

Past:

1. Completed the installation of the Strawberry Patch extension (Kovacovich).
2. Completed the installation of 2,100' of conduit for the toe drain alarms at Virginia Ranch Dam.
3. Sprayed the Pumpline canal.
4. Removed more brush and trees along the Harding canal.
5. Successfully completed a test of the District radios in the narrow band setting.
6. Repaired a break on each of the Hawk and Greer pipelines.
7. Installed new services on each of the Hill Road, Redhill East, and the Peoria pipelines.
8. Built service locks.
9. Removed a fallen tree from the Lambert ditch.
10. Repaired an air leak on the dump truck.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Pave the Redhill Way road edge where it was cut for pipe removal.
3. Set the District up for water season.

5. Request for Hydro Test: After discussion with Mark Henwood from Henwood Associates, Director Wheeler seconded by Director Bordsen moved to move forward with a preliminary agreement to utilize the foot print of the small generator for testing new generation technology. All ayes, motion passed.

6. Pipeline Committee Report:

- Director Winchester seconded by Director Bordsen moved to approve the construction of the Kovacovich (Strawberry Field) pipeline. All ayes, motion passed.
- Concerning possible changes to the Connection Policy and associated fees. Discussion only no action taken.

7. East Side of Collins Lake Road: Director Winchester seconded by Director Woods moved to approve the edits to the “Agreement Among Browns Valley Irrigation District and Various Landowners on the East Side of Merle Collins Reservoir for the Granting of a Permanent Reciprocal Road Easement” and the letter addressing Temporary Emergency Firefighting Access to East Side of Collins Reservoir over Virginia Ranch Dam. All ayes, motion passed.

8. A Resolution ratifying the action of ACWA HBA to become part of ACWA JPIA.

Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve Resolution 4-12-12-01 ACWA HBA to become part of ACWA JPIA. President Lowe then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Woods, Bordsen, Wheeler, and Lowe
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: none

Resolution 4-12-12-01 Resolution ratifying the action of ACWA HBA to become part of ACWA JPIA passed.

9. Director’s Comments and Reports: Director Bordsen reported that he was in the process of compiling the history of the financing of Virginia Ranch Dam which will be added to the BVID website.

10. Correspondence:

- Letter dated March 27, 2012 from Lincoln Young the General Manager of Collins Lake regarding the Semi-Annual Report dated 2011-2012 second half.

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