

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 24, 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 and Attorney Horowitz. Clerk Powell was absent.

Minutes: The corrected minutes of the April 10, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, all ayes, motion passed.

Public Forum: Ian Chan stated that he had been working with the District since late last year to receive a new service and 3 miners inches. He is now being told that because of the Collins Lake drought, he can only receive 1 miners inch. Ian stated that he has designed his irrigation system around the larger flow and to change to a lesser flow will be much more expensive. Staff will work with Ian and bring this to the next Board meeting. No action taken.

Collins Lake Drought Update: Manager Cotter updated the Board that the current Lake level is 3' below the operating curve of where the Lake elevation needs to be in order to meet the goal end-of-year lake elevation. This is due to both the dry conditions this year and that last year, there was a late rain that added water to the lake. The annual letter to the water users will help get the water conservation message out to the water users. No action taken.

Water Rate Hearing: After discussion, much of which concerned the yet to be determined Winter Water rate as well as support for the proposed rate increase, Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to close the 2008 Water Rate Hearing and accept the 2008 Water Rates as proposed (attached). All ayes, motion passed.

Road on the east side of Collins Lake: The Board reviewed the draft map of the parcels and easements on the east side of Collins Lake. Attorney Horowitz received the staff compiled package of easements and grant deeds for the same area and is expected to have an analysis in the next few months. No action taken.

Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,164 ft, which is 19 ft below spill. The Generator is running at 260 Kw with releases of 54 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 290 Kw with releases of 51 CFS.

Staff Activities:

Carey is scheduled for another evaluation on May 13, 2008. In order to get the bills out, I will be bringing in a temp person from Davis Staffing.

Tony Ward, Dan Ward, Ken Hugg and Mark Sayers attended a CPR class sponsored by JPIA in Sacramento.

Well Conversion:

The conduit is installed from the pole to the panel and has been inspected. PG&E needs to 1. provide a contract for the District to sign and 2. install the transformer and wire to the panel.

Saddleback Lift Station:

Ned Spieker has signed off on the one irrigation season temporary above ground lift station. The lift pump is scheduled to be delivered on Monday and the pipe that was not in stock (1,000' of 18" PVC) has been delivered. The good news is that the rice ground that this pump will serve has not yet been flooded.

Heintzen Lift Station:

We have received quotes for this lift station and will be placing the order in the next day or so. This project will require the rental of pressure pipe along with the pump as the total lift (including friction losses) is 170'.

District Website:

The BVID website is in the middle of a major overhaul and has had several updates already. Part of this process includes a training session with Mark Sayers so that he can upload current data i.e. agendas, minutes, and lake elevation. We have also responded to the many emails to bvid@bvid.org that were backlogged.

Water Transfer:

The CEQA Notice of Intent and Initial Study have been released to the public for a 30 day public comment period for the 2008 Conserved Water Transfer of 3,100 af. These documents were sent to more than 37 people and agencies. This comment period will end on May 30th and we will then consider any comments received.

The three way transfer agreement (BVID, Santa Clara and DWR) is down to word smithing and is expected to be ready for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Accord Pumping:

There are now four pumps (by two pumpers) that are pumping for the Groundwater Substitution Transfer with YCWA. There is still one pumper that has not yet agreed to be part of this program.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

The endangered species (both plant and animal) biologists (Marcus Bole Consulting) have completed their initial survey of the pipeline route and pumping plant area. We are expecting a draft report next week.

Meetings:

Past:

- 04-14-08 Mark Sayers and I met with the Marcus Bole Consulting prior to their survey of the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 04-15-08 Mark Sayers and I met with Kleinschmidt concerning the Harding Canal Project.
- 04-17-08 I observed the webcast of the ACWA Water Forum in Sacramento.
- 04-18-08 Vacation Day.
- 04-21-08 I attended the YCWA pumpers meeting in Marysville.
- 04-21-08 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Membership and Budget Committee meeting in Marysville.
- 04-22-08 Mary Sayers accompanied the Marcus Bole Consulting team during their initial survey of the pipeline route and pumping plant area.

Future

- 05-05-08 JPIA Board meeting in Monterey.
- 05-06-08 ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Monterey.
- 05-07-08 through 05-09-08 ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey.

Projects:

Past:

1. Sprayed a section of the Pumpline Canal and the Olive Hill ditch.
2. Installed a new service on the Olive Hill ditch, Olive Hill pipeline, and the Hill Road pipeline.
3. Repaired a break and rebuilt a service on the Hill Road pipeline.
4. Repaired the fish screen brushes (again).
5. Installed the conduit and pull strap for the well electrification project.
6. Replaced a valve on the Too Handy pipeline.
7. Cleaned a section of the Harding Canal.
8. Serviced the pressure reducers for the Mahle and Abel pipelines.

Future:

1. Continue ditch cleaning and spraying.
2. Begin the Saddleback lift station project.

3. Police the District for over users and abusers.

2008 May Board Meeting Dates: Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to cancel the May 8th Regular Board Meetings and reschedule the Regular Board Meeting to May 12th. Additionally, the May 22th Regular Board Meeting will be held as usual. All ayes, motion passed.

Correspondence: None

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