

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 29, 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 April 8, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: Carol Edwards inquired the difference between units & miner's inches and the Ag Water Management Plan.

3. Collins Lake Drought Update: No action taken.

4. Budget 2010: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the purchase of a new pickup. All ayes, motion passed.

Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to approve the payoff of the Upper Main Pipeline bond as soon as the final water sale documents are signed by Santa Clara and money is received. All ayes, motion passed.

Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve the 2010 Budget as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

5. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,182.5 ft, which is 0.5 ft below spill. This amounts to 99.5% of storage with 49,300 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 1,000 Kw with releases of 125 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,167.9 ft, which is 15.1 ft below spill (72% or 35,900 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 535 Kw with releases of 66.8 cfs.

At 5:30 this morning one of the 3 - 12 KV solid Blade Switches burned out at the Powerhouse. This caused the Powerhouse to trip and go off line. A temporary repair has been made and as of 2:30 this afternoon, the Powerhouse was back on line. This next winter we will need to replace all three switches as one of the other switches was about to fail (and was temporarily jumpered) and a previously replaced switch actually has a fuse installed

Staff Activities:

The Office Manager attended an HR Group meeting at JPIA in Sacramento.

Financial Activities:

A portion of the funds that are invested in U S Government Securities has cleared the 12 month early withdrawal period (\$92,000) and is being shifted to the Yuba County Pool. As more funds clear this hurdle, they too will be moved to the County Pool. The County Pool is currently earning 1.52%.

Water Transfers:

Per Board direction, the MWH consultant Steve Grinnell was tasked with allocating pumping amounts for the 2010 Accord Groundwater Substitution transfer. To that end, Steve has provided a memo that answers the pumping allocation question. Also, due to the rainy conditions for the last several weeks, it appears that the pumping for this program will not be able to begin until at least the end of June.

Santa Clara Valley WD is in the final stages of the signing process for the 2010 Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer and is expecting to have a fully executed agreement back to the District before the next Board meeting.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

After discussions with both DWR staff and our attorney, it has become apparent that we will not be able to use District forces to build this project (using Prop 50 and 204 funds). We will be moving forward with the design process keeping in mind that this will be a contractor built project.

Meetings:**Past:**

- 04-12-10 Director Winchester and I participated in the NCWA Joint Board & Managers meeting.
- 04-12-10 I met with John Downs and Mary Mccord concerning possible annexation of their parcels (Therese Trail) into the District.
- 04-13-10 I attended the YCWA Board meeting in Marysville concerning an agreement to coordinate the 2010 Cordua ID water transfer.
- 04-13-10 Mark Sayers and I attended the joint (with South Sutter WD) FERC Emergency Action Plan and Face to Face meeting in Wheatland.
- 04-14-10 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 04-15-10 I met with Scott Wood (JPIA) concerning the District's insurance programs.
- 04-15-10 Mark Sayers and I met with Kevin Mallen and Mike Lee (Yuba County) to walk the proposed pipeline route for the Dry Creek Recapture Project through Sycamore Ranch Campground.
- 04-20-10 I attended the Accord Management Committee meeting in Marysville.
- 04-21-10 I participated (by phone) in a meeting of the Ag Water Management Council.

- 04-23-10 I met with Michael Edwards & Kevin Johnston (Ray Morgan Company) concerning both office machines and data storage solutions.
- 04-26-10 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.
- 04-27-10 I met with Ron Erny (Spring Valley Group) concerning that project.
- 04-28-10 Mark Sayers and I met with Eric Johnson to relook at one of the easement edits on the east side of Collins Lake.
- 04-29-10 The Pipeline Committee (Directors Bordsen & Winchester) met to discuss two well issues.

Future:

- 04-30-10 NCWA Bay Delta Task Force conference call.
- 04-30-10 Rose Shipman (YCWA) retirement luncheon in Marysville.
- 05-03-10 ACWA JPIA Board meeting in Monterey.
- 05-4-10 thru 5-7-10 ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey.
- 05-11-10 Mead & Hunt here to discuss future hydro opportunities.
- 05-12-10 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.

Projects:

Past:

1. Audited the Greer and Rancho Loma Rica pipelines.
2. Installed no trespassing signs around the new property.
3. Started the installation of a pressure reducer on the Bald Mountain pipeline.
4. Installed a new service on the Bald Mountain pipeline.
5. Repaired a large leak at the head of the Sicard Ditch.
6. Built some steel ditch boxes.
7. Burned a large brush pile at the new property.
8. Repaired a large hole in the Mahle ditch bank.
9. Completed a list of change orders from Carey.
10. Installed a rectangular weir at the Heintzen ditch crossing on Spring Valley Road.
11. Cleaned the lower half of the South ditch with the small excavator.
12. Rebuilt the brakes on the #7 pickup and rebuilt the stick on the KX-61 excavator.

Future:

1. Spray weather permitting.
2. Finish the concrete work in the new barn.

3. Seal a leak at the Head of the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline and a leak at the Head of the Redhill East penstocks.
4. Start water season.

6. Pipeline Committee Report: Tabled.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None.

8. Correspondence:

- Letter from YCWA to Charlie Mathews.
- Pumping recommendations from Steve Grinnell.
- Letter to Scott Whiseant regarding step raise.
- Invitation from NCWA for Forum Protecting the Future of the Sacramento Valley.

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