

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MAY 12, 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 were Manager Cotter and Consultant Reed. Clerk Powell was absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 24, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

Public Forum: Erick Johnson, a property owner of the east side of Collins Lake asked as to the status of the dozer road easement issue. President Winchester informed Mr. Johnson that a package of deeds and easements had been provided to the District's attorney with direction to come back this summer with a list of possible solutions and for Mr. Johnson to work with Manager Cotter for updates and progress reports. No action taken.

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

Winter Water Rate Workshop: Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to table this item until the first Board meeting in July. Three ayes and two no votes (Directors Bordsen and Woods), motion passed.

Collins Lake Drought Update: The Board reviewed the current conditions at Collins Lake, including the Lake elevations and water releases. Both the Heintzen and Saddleback temporary lift pumps are in place and operating. Together, they have reduced the Collins Lake demand by more than 11 cfs. The Board continued its desire for water users in the Collins Lake service area to conserve water when possible and to not waste water. No action taken.

Conserved Water Transfer Agreement: Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve Agreement #2008-1 (attached) to transfer up to 3,100 acre-feet of conserved Yuba River water. All ayes, motion passed.

Transfer Water Available from Collins Lake: Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved that was no water available for transfer in 2008 from Collins Lake.

Groundwater Substitution Transfer: Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods, moved to allow Saddleback Ranch to enter into a one-year pumping agreement for

Accord pumping with payment terms to equal to the long term agreements but only for water pumped (no payments for standby or Schedule 6). All ayes, motion passed.

Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,161.3 ft, which is 21.7 ft below spill. The Generator is running at 395 Kw with releases of 68 CFS. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,173.5 ft, which is 9.5 ft below spill. The Generator was off (at PG&E's request) with releases of 78 CFS.

Director Lowe noted that PG&E has recently installed a voltage regulator on the third leg (there is now a regulator for each of the three legs) of the power line that the Generator feeds into. This should correct an ongoing tripping problem that has occurred on hot summer afternoons.

Staff Activities:

Carey Powell is scheduled to return to work on May 19, 2008. Her new desk has arrived and will be assembled before she arrives.

In her absence we brought in a temp person from Davis Staffing (Kari Townsend) to get the bills out. Kari found that the quarterly reports for the fourth quarter and the annual summaries had not been done (the third quarter also required revising). Kari has also filed the first quarter (2008) as well as the CalPers bi-weekly summary reports from the end of November to current. Kari will remain with us until Carey's return in order to provide continuity.

Tony and I have hired a Utility Worker to fill the vacant slot. His name is Joe McMahan and he brings not only equipment operator skills, but also welding and computer hardware and network skills.

Well Conversion:

The PG&E contract for the District has been signed (paid) and delivered. We are awaiting the installation of the transformer and wire to the panel. Because the fuel tank for this engine has been moved to a temporary lift pump (and there is no fuel to run the engine), Durham pump will be installing the motor and the control wiring later this week.

Saddleback and Heintzen Lift Stations:

Both of these pumps are up and running. The Saddleback pump is lifting 8 cfs and the Heintzen pump is lifting about 2 cfs. We have been able to reduce releases from Collins a total of 12 cfs (24 acre-feet per day) as a result of this pumping.

LAFCO Municipal Service Review (MSR):

The (near 1,000 page) administrative draft of the MSR is now available for review. There will be a workshop on May 16th to discuss comments and answer questions.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

The wetlands delineation portion of the CEQA process is scheduled for this week and will include a few drainage areas, a creek crossing in the campground and Dry Creek.

Meetings:

Past:

- 04-28-08 I met with Ron Erny (Axel Karlshoej) concerning permission to place the Heintzen lift pump on Axel's property.
- 04-29-08 Mark Sayers and I met with Marcus Bole concerning the biological surveys and to schedule the wetlands delineation work.
- 05-05-08 I attended the JPIA Board meeting in Monterey.
- 05-06-08 I attended the ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Monterey.
- 05-07-08 through 05-08-08 Director Winchester and I attended the ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey.
- 05-09-08 Vacation Day.

Future

- 05-13-08 Wetlands delineation for the Dry Creek Recapture project.
- 05-14-08 Member Unit (only) meeting at YCWA.
- 05-15-08 YCWA pumpers meeting.
- 05-16-08 LAFCO MSR workshop in Marysville.
- 05-20-08 through 05-21-08 Sick leave for a medical procedure.

Projects:

Past:

1. Installed a new service on the Hill Road pipeline.
2. Completed the Saddleback lift station project.
3. Completed the Heintzen lift station project.
4. Repaired services on the Lower Main ditch, Arnold ditch, and the Harding Canal.
5. Finished most of the clean up at Hidden Acres Rd. (Peoria pipeline).
6. Changed the hydraulic fluid in the KX121 excavator.
7. Cleaned up the debris from the weed racks throughout the District.
8. Repaired a break on the Lonetree pipeline and the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline.
9. Cleaned a section of the Thousand Trails ditch.
10. Weed whacked around the Powerhouse and the Toe Drains at the Dam.

Future:

1. Continue cleaning the Thousand Trails ditch.
2. Continue spraying the right of ways wind permitting.
3. Police the District for over users and abusers.

Correspondence:

- Email from John Drew (Saddleback Ranch) concerning the Groundwater Substitution transfer for 2008.
- Letter from Gallery & Barton concerning a change in rates.
- Letter from Robert Mathews concerning substituting Cordua ID water for a parcel that is in BVID.
- Letter to Robert Mathews approving the use of Cordua ID water on a parcel with BVID.
- Letter from Bob Reed concerning Winter Water Rates.
- Memo from Josh Horowitz concerning Winter Water Rates.
- Memo from the General Manager concerning the Spring ACWA Conference.

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