

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MAY 17, 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 April 26, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler. 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 April and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of April. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,180.5 ft, which is 2.5 ft below spill. This amounts to 95.9% of storage with 47,500 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 750 KW with releases of 98.5 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,181.2 ft, which is 1.8' below spill (97.4% or 48,220 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 460 KW with releases of 66 cfs.

Delta:

The Delta Stewardship Council released the sixth draft version of the intricate and wide-reaching Delta Plan this week. While this Draft has not been fully reviewed, previous drafts have brought in approximately 10,000 comments from about 250 separate people or groups.

BKS, in coordination with Somach Simmons & Dunn, Downey Brand, and Minasien law firms, are working on the development of a joint defense agreement concerning the upcoming Bay-Delta Sacramento River watershed flow proceeding. This agreement will be brought to the Board for consideration.

Water Rights:

It appears that the Yuba Investment Company (Thousand Trails) assignment of water rights to the District has not been completed and that the SWRCB dropped the ball. In order to get this process complete we will need to work with Lifestyles Properties (ELP), the new parent company for Thousand Trails, to (hopefully) acquire the entire 6 cfs of direct diversion water right and not try to split out the 4 cfs that was included in the agreement. If we have to split out the 4 cfs, the SWRCB will be able to reopen

that license for review, which is not the case if the entire water right is assigned to the District. We do not see a way that ELP can put any of the remaining water right (2 cfs) to beneficial use within the place of use as this particular water right does not include any storage.

Meetings:

Past:

- 4-30-12 I participated in the ACWA Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 5-2-12 I attended the Ag Water Management Council meeting in Sacramento.
- 5-4-12 I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 5-7-12 I attended the ACWA-JPIA Board meeting in Monterey.
- 5-08 through 5-11-12 Director Winchester and I attended the ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey.
- 5-15 & 16-12 Vacation days.
- 5-16-12 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting at YCWA.
- 5-17-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the April bills.

Future Meetings:

- 5-18-12 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 5-21-12 FERC inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam.

Projects:

Past:

1. Completed the cleaning of the Yuba River bypass channel.
2. Rebuilt five services on the Sicard ditch and one on the Greer pipeline.
3. Repaired a breach in the bank of the Sicard ditch.
4. Removed a large fallen tree from the Sicard ditch.
5. Repaired three leaks on the Peoria Ridge pipeline and one on the Hill Road pipeline.
6. Installed a new service on each of the Sandy Way and the Everglade pipelines.
7. Completed a test at Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse for PG&E scheduling.
8. Repaired a break on each of the Landerman and the Bonanza pipelines.
9. Completed maintenance on the Redhill Radio Repeater building.
10. Sprayed the Arnold, BV Main, Ellis, Harding, Sicard, Thousand Trails ditches, as well as the District Yard.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Pave the Redhill Way road edge where it was cut for pipe removal.

5. Collins Lake Levels vs. Generation: After discussion President Lowe appointed Directors Winchester and Bordsen to an ad hoc committee to develop a draft policy concerning the timing of generation verses lake levels at Virginia Ranch Dam.

6. Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer: Director Bordsen seconded by Director Woods moved to accept the agreement with Dudley Ridge Water District for the 2012 Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer. All ayes, motion passed.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: None

10. Correspondence:

- Letter dated May 9, 2012 from Wally Herger to NMFS.
- Memo from Manager Cotter regarding Spring 2012 ACWA Conference.
- E-Mail dated May 14, 2012 from Jeff Twitchell regarding generation parameters.

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