

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MAY 19, 2011**

President Woods called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Other Directors present were Winchester, Wheeler, Bordsen, and Lowe. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Powell.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the April 28, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. NLine Energy, Inc Presentation: After presentation Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to allow the General Manager to authorize NLine Energy, Inc. to conduct a no-cost feasibility study, after review by the District's attorney and the Hydro Committee. All ayes, motion passed.

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

5. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,181.8 ft, which is 1.2 ft. below spill. This amounts to 98.7% of storage with 48,880 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 175 Kw with releases of 42 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,182.1 ft, which is 0.9 ft below spill (99.3% or 49,140 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 190 Kw with releases of 43 cfs.

Staff Activities:

One of the crewmembers, a pesticide permit holder, attended a continuing education seminar in Carmichael on May 12, 2011

Yuba River:

The upper section of the bypass channel that feeds water to the John Nelson Fish Screen is still partially filled in from the high winter flows in the Yuba River. However, since the flows in the River remain at higher than normal levels, there has not been a flow reduction in front of the Fish Screen. The good news is that YCWA is expecting the higher than normal flows to extend through June. This is excellent timing as the District's Stream Alteration Permit allows work in the River after July 1st.

On May 6th, DFG sent a dive team to inspect the Fish Screen. They found that there are two panels that will need to have some minor damage repaired and that the gabion mesh at the base of both foundation walls has corroded and is releasing stones from the enclosure.

Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP):

On April 19, Tom Howard of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) sent Jerry Meral of BDCP a letter stating that the SWRCB staff wants BDCP to analyze, in its EIR, an alternative that would involve about 1.5 million acre-feet per year of additional Delta outflow. The CVP and SWP probably do not have sufficient water to produce that result, so much of the additional outflow would have to come from other water users.

NCWA has sent a letter to Mr. Howard (signed by several water districts, including BVID) that objects to his April 19 letter as inappropriate under CEQA (attached). BDCP is a voluntary permitting effort by Delta exporters and the SWRCB staff's proposed alternative would involve demanding water from others which is improper.

District One-Pager:

NCWA has requested that each of the NCWA member districts develop a one-page description of its district and provide that document to NCWA to be used by NCWA to tell the story of ag water for the Sacramento Valley. Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District developed a great sample that can be used as a model for the rest of the districts.

Meetings:

Past:

- 04-29-11 I participated in a conference call with Ch2M and NCWA concerning the Prop 204 grant (Dry Creek Recapture Project).
- 05-02-11 I attended a meeting concerning the Dry Creek Recapture Project permitting strategy at BKS.
- 05-04-11 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 05-04-11 I attended the Dan Logue political dinner at the Refuge in Yuba City.
- 05-06-11 I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 05-09-11 Director Winchester attended the SWRCB Yuba River Workshop in Yuba County.
- 05-09-11 I attended the ACWA JPIA Bylaws Workshop and Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 05-10-11 through 05-13-11 Director Winchester and I attended the ACWA Conference in Sacramento.
- 05-11-11 I attended the NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 05-13-11 I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 05-17-11 The Office Manager and I met with Dennis Hinz (CPA) to begin closing the 2010 financial records.

- 05-17-11 The Ad Hoc Annexation Committee (Directors Bordsen and Woods) met to discuss the next annexation.
- 05-18-11 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting at YCWA.
- 05-18-11 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the April bills.

Future:

- 05-25-11 Pipeline Committee meeting (Directors Winchester and Bordsen).
- 05-25-11 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 05-27-11 ACWA JPIA Inspection.
- 05-30-11 Holiday (Memorial Day), Office closed.
- 06-08-11 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 06-09-11 Finance Committee meeting (Directors Wheeler and Winchester).

Projects:

Past:

1. Grading of Virginia Ranch Dam (by Collins Lake) is done.
2. Installed the leftover leg from last year on the Ellis pipeline which included 1,000 feet of six inch pipe.
3. Removed a root ball from the inside of the Wolf Trail pipeline that was 12” in diameter and 9’ long. The root ball blocked the water flow completely from Lone Tree Way to the end of Wolf Trail road.
4. Repaired a break on the old Ellis pipeline, four leaks on the old Spring Glenn pipeline, a break on the Wolf Trail pipeline, a break on the East Burris pipeline, a break on the Peoria pipeline, a break on the Bald Mountain pipeline, a break on the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline, and two breaks on the Greer pipeline.
5. Rebuilt a ditch service on the Lambert ditch.
6. Mechanically cleaned a section of the lower Sicard ditch.
7. Sprayed the right of way through the Kane Fields and around the paddlewheel areas.
8. Changed oil in #14 and #5 trucks.

Future:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Clean the fish screen channel at the Yuba River.

6. Ad Hoc Annexation Committee Report: No action taken. General Manager will continue to work with District’s attorneys to write a draft agreement.

7. Director’s Comments and Reports: None.

8. Correspondence:

- Letter to Senator Kehoe regarding Senate Bill 215.
- Memo from General Manager regarding 2011 ACWA Conference.
- Article written by General Manager regarding water storage.
- Letter to State Water Resources Control Board regarding environmental analyses in support of Bay-Delta Conservation Plan.

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