

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MAY 31, 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 May 17, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All eyes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,178.5 ft, which is 4.5 ft below spill. This amounts to 91.8% of storage with 45,450 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 660 KW with releases of 91.5 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,181.7 ft, which is 1.3' below spill (98.5% or 48,770 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 285 KW with releases of 50.3 cfs.

Staff Activities:

The Office Manager attended an ACWA/JPIA Human Relations meeting in Roseville.

Financial Activities:

Using funds at Edward Jones, we purchased a \$34,000 CD at GE Money Bank for 25 months at 1.07%

Water Allocations and Transfers:

Last week the State water contractors south of Delta received an increase in 2012 water allocation, moving from 60% to 65%. This increase may very well remove any non-project (water transfer) pumping at the State pumps and could prevent the Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer to Dudley from moving forward. DWR is doing the analysis to determine if there will be any pumping capacity and if so, how much.

ACWA HBA Dissolution:

The ACWA Health Benefits Authority (HBA) announced that as of May 21, 2012, the required 75% member concurrence approving the dissolution of ACWA HBA and the transition of employee benefits to ACWA/JPIA was reached. BVID is part of the 75% that approved the resolution and we are looking forward to having both the District's insurance and employee health benefits handled under one roof.

Meetings:**Past:**

- 5-18-12 I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 5-21-12 The Operations Manager conducted the FERC inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam.
- 5-23-12 I participated in BKS/DWR conference call concerning the 6th Draft of the Delta Plan.
- 5-29-12 I attended the ACWA Ag-Urban Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 5-29-12 I participated in the ACWA Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 5-30-12 I met with Kurt Johnson (Telluride Energy) to discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 5-31-12 I participated in the BKS/Santa Clara VWD/DWR conference call concerning the 6th Draft of the Delta Plan.

Future Meetings:

- 6-01-12 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 6-01-12 ACWA Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 6-06-12 Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 6-08-12 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 6-14-12 Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) meeting

Projects:**Past:**

1. Cut, excavated and backfilled failed sections of the District driveway and prepared them for paving.
2. Repacked sections of the ditch bank on the Sicard ditch and the Lower Main ditch.
3. Spot sprayed half of the Pumpline canal and the entire Mahle ditch.
4. Completed two powerhouse generator output tests.
5. Removed trees and brush from the Browns Valley Main ditch bank from Fruitland Road to Choctaw Trail.
6. Completed the annual fire extinguisher maintenance.
7. The post repair pump test at the Yuba River pump station was done on 5-23-2012.
8. Built and installed a weed rack for the Redhill East & West pipelines.
9. A switching problem was fixed for the brushes at the fish screens.
10. A locking cover was built and installed at the tail of the McDrip siphon to keep water trucks from accessing the fixture which is on private property.

11. Repaired a break on the Redhill East pipeline.
12. Excavated and repacked a pipeline crossing on Fruitland Road as requested by Yuba County as part of their road widening project.
13. Rebuilt a service on each of the Palmer pipeline, the Heintzen ditch, and the Peoria pipeline.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Pave the Redhill Way road edge where it was cut for pipe removal and the District driveway.
3. More generator output testing at each foot of Lake elevation drop.

4. Bacon Ranch Water Issues: The Board discussed a proposed solution for a supplemental surface supply for the Bacon Ranch. Discussion only no action taken.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None

6. Correspondence:

- Letter dated May 29, 2012 from ACWA HBA regarding the transition of employee benefits.

7. Closed Session: President Lowe announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to discuss with legal counsel - anticipated litigation under Government Code section 54956.9(c) - one potential case involving the State Water Board's Bay-Delta flow proceeding. Any action taken would be reported in Open Session.

8. Closed Session: Closed Session Conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation under Government Code section 54956.9(c) - one potential case involving the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan proceeding. Any action taken would be reported in Open Session.

9. Open Session: President Lowe announced that the meeting was back in open session with no action taken in closed session

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