

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JUNE 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 Lowe, Wheeler, Bordsen, and Woods. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Powell.

**Minutes:** One correction was made to the Minutes of the May 22, 2008 Regular Board Meeting: voting record to table Winter Water Rate issue was AYES (Winchester, Lowe, Wheeler), NOES (Woods, Bordsen). The Minutes of the May 22, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, all ayes, motion passed.

**Public Forum:** Tib Belza addressed the Board regarding BVID 6-5-08 letter to John Belza regarding The Ridge pipeline and list of items to be completed. No action taken.

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

**Collins Lake Drought Update:** Discussion, no action taken.

**Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

Current elevation is 1,155.1 ft, which is 27.9 ft below spill. The Generator is running at 505 Kw with releases of 86.5 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,167.0 ft, which is 16.0 ft below spill. The Generator was running at 635 Kw with releases of 96.1 cfs.

The FERC requested edits to the GIS inundation map for Virginia Ranch Dam were completed and returned to FERC.

FERC has notified the District that the Part 12 inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam is due again. This is a recurrent inspection that comes every five years. We will be looking for an engineer to do the inspection.

**2008 Colgate Construction:**

The Colgate Powerhouse will be off-line from September 24<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup> for the installation of a guard valve at the outlet of the tunnel above the powerhouse. This will restrict the releases from Bullards Bar Reservoir to 1,250 cfs to meet both fish flows and the diverter's needs.

**Financial:**

The Washington Mutual Bank CD in the amount of \$47,000 matured on May 15<sup>th</sup> and was reinvested by Edward Jones to Republic Bank (Utah) for \$52,000 for 18 months at 3.6%.

**Staff Activities:**

We are now at full staff plus one temporary (seasonal) employee.

**Conserved Water Transfer:**

The CEQA public comment period ended May 30<sup>th</sup> with just one comment received from the Butte Environmental Council (BEC). A response is being prepared to this comment letter.

**Electrification of the District's Ag Well:**

This project is up and running with the well pumping 4 cfs with the motor drawing 97 amps (the amperage will increase as the water level in the well decreases).

**Ad Hoc Committee:**

Board President Winchester appointed a special purpose, short term ad hoc committee to look into the possibility of a long term transfer of the District's conserved water.

**Meetings:**

**Past:**

- 05-28-08 Director Winchester and I attended the LAFCO Municipal Service Review Workshop in Marysville.
- 05-29-08 Director Winchester and I attended the Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 05-29-08 Mark Sayers met with National Marine Fisheries and Department of Fish and Game to inspect the Fish Screen.
- 05-30-08 I attended the Northern Sacramento Valley Water Forum concerning the Delta Vision in Chico.
  
- 06-03-08 Director Winchester and I participated in a conference call concerning the BEC comment letter.
- 06-04-08 I participated in a conference call concerning the BEC comment letter.
- 06-06-08 Mark Sayers met with Wood Rogers to download the Lake Level monitor at Collins Lake.
- 06-09-08 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord Management Committee meeting at YCWA.
- 06-09-08 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Groundwater Committee meeting in Willows.
- 06-10-08 I participated in a conference call concerning the BEC comment letter.
- 06-11-08 I attended the YCWA Ground Water Management Plan, Annual Monitoring and Measuring Report meeting at YCWA.

06-11-08 Director Winchester and I attended the LAFCO regular meeting concerning their annual budget in Marysville.

**Future**

- 06-18-08 NCWA Managers meeting in Yuba City.
- 06-20-08 NCWA Sacramento Valley Management Agreement meeting at YCWA.
- 06-24-08 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 06-27-08 through 07-3-08 Vacation.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Salvaged 200' of 36" aluminum pipe from the old Upper Main ditch.
2. Trimmed up the access road to the Upper Main pipeline and cleaned around some of the fixtures.
3. Replaced deck boards on the equipment trailer.
4. Cleaned a section of the Heintzen ditch.
5. Installed a wharf valve on the Valley of the Eagles pipeline.
6. Switched out the large Heintzen pump for a smaller pump.
7. Reworked the Sicard ditch bank.
8. Replaced the brushes on most of the paddlewheel screens.
9. Trimmed back the trees on the road to the head of the Sicard ditch.
10. Rebuilt and setup the meterhouse to contain the Dry Creek gauge.
11. Recycled the Districts used oil.
12. Painted the fuel tanks in the District yard and placed new signage on them.
13. The PG&E funded relamping of the office is complete.

**Future:**

1. Continue spraying the right of ways wind permitting.
2. Replace rotting deck boards at the Yuba River pumping station.
3. Police the District for over users and abusers.

**Smith Request:** Item was tabled till a later date.

**Correspondence:**

- o Letter to John Belza regarding The Ridge pipeline.
- o Email to Assembly Member Rick Keene regarding AB2153.

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