

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JULY 12, 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 and Bordsen. Director Winchester was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the June 28, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods. 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 June and found everything to be in order. President Lowe, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of June. All ayes, motion passed.
- Mid- year Budget to Actual report tabled.
- Possible change in banking and investment practices tabled.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,169.8 ft, which is 13.2 ft below spill. This amounts to 75.6% of storage with 37,420 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 795 KW with releases of 115.1 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,178.5 ft, which is 4.5 ft below spill (91.8% or 45,450 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 705 KW with releases of 96.9 cfs.

Director Winchester arrived 5:05

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

It appears that the lingering issue of a proper intake structure for this project has been solved. Mead and Hunt has proposed the use of a Cone Screen, located back at the originally proposed intake site just south of the Hwy 20 bridge on Dry Creek. These Cone Screens are designed for shallow water in low to no flow conditions and include a built-in brushing system. On the down side, this screen will need to be removed each fall, before the winter storms and installed each spring after flows subside.

Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer:

Yet another step in the process of completing this 2012 transfer has been completed. The YCWA/BVID facilitation agreement has been fully executed. The transfer window through the Delta is not yet open and it appears that there will be a small slippage (by a week or two) in the release schedule. However, there is a very real chance that our transfer will go through.

Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric Project:

The Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to review and discuss the eight (8) viable Letters of Interest that we received and narrowed that list to three (3) engineering firms that we will do further information gathering on.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company:

California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) is mandating all utility providers to roll flat rate metering into Time of Use. For the District the only two meters not currently on time-of-use are the Office/Shop and the Radio Repeater. PG&E's analysis shows that the cost differential for these two meters as they are switched to time-of-use will be nominal.

Meetings:

Past:

- 7-10-12 I attended the YCWA Board meeting concerning the Water Transfer Agreement.
- 7-10-12 The ad-hoc Generation Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss draft criteria for winter to early spring generation.
- 7-10-12 The Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss the letters of Interest for the Tennessee Ditch Hydro project.
- 7-10-12 I attended a meeting in Sacramento with Mead & Hunt to solve the intake screening issue for the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 7-11-12 The inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam by DSOD was postponed at the request of DSOD.
- 7-12-12 The Finance Committee (Director Wheeler) met to review the June bills and financials.

Future Meetings:

- 7-18-12 NCWA Communications Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 7-20-12 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at GCID (Willows).

Projects:

Past:

1. Sprayed another section of the Sicard Ditch.
2. Cleaned a section of the Lower Main ditch and began work on the Lower Main pipe installation.

3. Ran all small equipment engines.
4. New shocks, brake pads, air filter, and an oil and filter change on truck #11. Oil and filter change plus air filter on trucks #6 and #8.
5. Installed the gauging station at Dry Creek near Highway 20.
6. Repaired a main line break on the Ellis pipeline.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Pave the Redhill Way road edge where it was cut for pipe removal.
3. More generator output testing as the Lake elevation drops.
4. Pipe install on a leaky section of the Lower Main ditch.

5. Quote for Services from Sackheim Consulting: Director Bordsen seconded by Director Winchester moved to accept the quote for services from with Sackheim Consulting. All ayes motion passed.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: President Lowe commented that he is experiencing times of no water in the ditch and suspects that the Ridge pumps are to blame.

7. Correspondence:

- E-mail dated July 12, 2012 from Gary Miller regarding water on his Loma Rica Rd property.
- Memo dated July 6, 2012 regarding possible changes to banking and investment practices tabled.

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