

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JULY 22, 2010**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the July 8, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,172.9 ft, which is 10.1 ft below spill. This amounts to 81.2% of storage with 40,200 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 630 Kw with releases of 90.5 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,158.7 ft, which is 24.3 ft below spill (56.9% or 28,190 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 630 Kw with releases of 102.7 cfs.

Staff Activities:

We took delivery of the new 2010 F150 pickup. The now replaced pickup is being cleaned up to be sold.

Our eldest crewmember will be retiring at the end of July. We also hired two seasonal employees this week to assist with the pipeline project.

We still have a crewmember that is recuperating from a non work related medical issue that dates back to March of this year.

BVID Newsletter:

The summer edition of the District newsletter has been printed and is arriving in mailboxes now.

Financial Activities:

Secondary market CD's were purchased through Edward Jones as follows:

\$15,500.00 at Sallie Mae Bank for 22 months at 1.57%

\$25,500.00 at Commerce State Bank for 24 months at 1.4%

\$8,200.00 at State Bank of Lizton for 19 months at 1.52%

\$56,700.00 at Citibank for 20 months at 1.51%

\$10,100.00 at Columbus Bank & Trust for 29 months at 1.54%

The money market account at Edward Jones is back to minimum levels. The District has a total \$292,400.00 invested in Edward Jones CD's with a weighted average yield of 1.81%

Water Transfers:

The release schedule for the Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer will be the middle two weeks of August and is moving forward.

Delta Flows Issues:

The SWRCB staff released the draft Delta flow criteria required by last year's legislation. The report is close to 200 pages long, but, as has been rumored, the basic recommendations and how they compare to existing conditions appears to be best summarized by the following excerpt from the report's executive summary:

"In order to preserve the attributes of a natural variable system to which native fish species are adapted, many of the criteria developed by the State Water Board are crafted as percentages of natural or unimpaired flows. These criteria include:

- 75% of unimpaired Delta outflow from January through June;
- 75% of unimpaired Sacramento River inflow from November through June; and
- 60% of unimpaired San Joaquin River inflow from February through June.

It is not the State Water Board's intent that these criteria be interpreted as precise flow requirements for fish under current conditions, but rather they reflect the general timing and magnitude of flows under the narrow circumstances analyzed in this report. In comparison, historic flows over the last 18 to 22 years have been:

- approximately 30% in drier years to almost 100% of unimpaired flows in wetter years for Delta outflows;
- about 50% on average from April through June for Sacramento River inflows; and
- approximately 20% in drier years to almost 50% in wetter years for San Joaquin River inflows"

As this summary indicates, the State Board's draft document proposes flow criteria that would represent a very significant increase in streamflows. The State Board plans to consider adopting the draft criteria at its August 3 meeting and has set a July 29 comment deadline.

Meetings:

Past:

- 07-09-10 I attended the Accord Executive Committee meeting at YCWA.
- 07-13-10 Director Winchester and I attended the YCWA Member Unit meeting at YCWA.

- 07-14-10 Director Bordsen and I attended the YCWA/PG&E contract negotiation at YCWA.
- 07-14-10 Director Winchester, the GIS/Planner and I attended the Regional Water Quality Control Board Groundwater workshop in Chico.
- 07-15-10 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 07-16-10 I met with Jack Stewart & Dr. Bob Scherer (Rosamond CSD) and Dan Flory (Antelope Valley - East Kern WA) in Sacramento to discuss future Yuba River Conserved Water transfers.
- 07-20-10 The Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss possible Hydro Electric projects.
- 07-21-10 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting at YCWA.
- 07-22-10 The Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) met to discuss the possible advancement of a District crewmember.

Future Meetings:

- 07-28-10 Nevada ID Board meeting in Grass Valley.
- 07-29-10 Ag Water Management Council meeting in Sacramento.
- 07-30-10 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 08-05-10 Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA
- 08-11-10 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.

Projects:

Past:

1. Cleared and chipped brush and trees on the Ellis pipeline and set the Ellis screen box and installed 60' of both 18" and 21" pipe.
2. Repaired a pipeline break on the Peoria, Bald Mountain, Peoria Ridge, Too Handy and the Hill Road pipelines.
3. Repaired the stick on the Cat 307 excavator.
4. Cleaned more of the Sicard and Heintzen ditches.
5. Repaired the fish screen brushes.

Future:

1. Finish the last concrete pour in the new large shop.
2. Continue work on the Ellis pipeline.

4. Hydro Committee Report: Discussion only.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None.

6. Correspondence:

- Confidential letter from Attorney Bartkiewicz.
- Letter from Manager Cotter regarding East Side Collins Survey Costs.

7. Closed Session: Director Woods announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to discuss an advancement for a crewmember. Any action taken in Closed Session would be reported when the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

8. Open Session: Director Woods announced that a step raise to Utility Worker II-Step 2 was approved for crewmember Thomas Wooten, retroactive to June 26, 2010.

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