

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JULY 26, 2012**

At 5:03 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, Clerk Springsteen was absent.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the July 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report:

- Mid- year Budget to Actual report. Tabled, no action taken.
- Possible change in banking and investment practices. Discussion only no action taken.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,166.2 ft, which is 16.8 ft below spill. This amounts to 70.3% of storage with 34,820 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 760 KW with releases of 115.1 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,175.5 ft, which is 7.5 ft below spill (86.2% or 42,650 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 805 KW with releases of 113.1cfs.

The thunderstorm Monday morning knocked the Powerhouse off line and required the attention of the maintenance consultant to get the generator working properly.

Cal ISO:

As a result of a change in Cal ISO requirements and excessive costs to rent space on the tower on the Selby Ranch (including the need for a Conditional Use Permit costing north of \$7,000), the District has canceled the process of running a wireless network to the Powerhouse and is now in process of installing a T1 internet/phone line to instead convey required data to Cal ISO and to the District office.

Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer:

Due to water quality issues in the Delta, releases for water transfers have not yet started. DWR SWP Operations folks feel that there is a good chance that we all can get our transfer water moved and pumped before the end of September. The schedule has not been locked down but it appears that the transfers may begin sometime after

August 15th. In all, there is 95,000 acre feet of transfer water (including the fallowed and YCWA component 2 water) waiting in the queue.

Camp Far West:

South Sutter Water District is working to make a very sweet juice from the bushel of lemons forced on them as a result of the recently completed FERC mandated, Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) study. Rather than simply lower the existing spillway to increase the needed freeboard of the Camp Far West Dam, South Sutter is looking to make their spillway adjustable so that at the end of the day, they can capture additional storage during the later part of the winter months. There may be some points from the Camp Far West effort that can be applied to Collins Lake that can result in additional storage.

Department of Justice Voting Rights Act Bailout:

Our attorney (Gerry Hebert) in Washington is getting close to filing for the bailout for the District from the currently required Voting Rights Act Preclearance. The most challenging part of the data gathering process has been the census information, by minority for the different Divisions within the District.

Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP):

Yesterday, Governor Brown and U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced plans to move forward with the tunnel option for the conveyance facility across the Delta. This is a very controversial project in that while the tunnels will aid in the moving of water to the export pumps and assist in the restoration of the Delta, these tunnels could be used to export more water than is appropriate (read excess of the water rights and area of origin rights of the upstream water users). This process will need to be closely monitored to protect those upstream water rights as it moves forward.

Pipeline Request/Offer:

We have received a request for a pipeline extension that includes an offer that will need to come before the Board. One of the water users on the Landerman pipeline has requested a service that will require about 800' of new pipe and has offered to 1) pay for the cost of 4" PVC for the project and 2) provide easements not just for this pipeline, but also for a future pipeline to connect the Peoria pipeline (via the Landerman pipeline) to the Marcia pipeline (thus allowing the removal of the Marcia booster pump. This request/offer will proceed through the Pipeline Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) for a recommendation back to the Board.

Meetings:

Past:

- 7-17-12 I attended the South Sutter WD workshop in Rio Oso concerning proposed modifications to the spillway to increase storage at Camp Far West.
- 7-18-12 Director Winchester and I attended both the NCWA Communications Committee meeting and NCWA Board meeting in Sacramento.

- 7-19-12 The GIS/Planner met with Bryan Busch (MBK Engineers) to profile Dry Creek at the gaging station (14.5 cfs).
- 7-20-12 Director Winchester attended the Future Water Leaders class on Water Rights in Sacramento.
- 7-20-12 The GIS/Planner and I participated in the BVID/Cal ISO Final Design conference call with Trimark Associates and Top Speed Data.
- 7-20-12 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at GCID (Willows).
- 7-24-12 I attended the Accord Executive Committee meeting at YCWA to consider a “Clear the Air” set of meetings with the Accord Buyers Group
- 7-24-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to discuss the midyear budget update and changes to banking operations.
- 7-24-12 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA reception for the two new SWRCB members; Felicia Marcus and Steven Moore at Lundburg Farms (Richvale).
- 7-26-12 The Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) met to discuss the advancement of a crewmember.

Future Meetings:

- 7-27-12 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 8-06-12 ACWA Legislative Subcommittee conference call.
- 8-09-12 Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) to review the July bills and statements.

Projects:

Past:

1. Completed a water output test at Virginia Ranch Dam.
2. Cleaned a section of the BV Main ditch and patched some cattle crossings.
3. Repaired a break on the Ellis pipeline.
4. Paved the Redhill Way road edge and completed the clean up in that area.
5. Revamped all of the services for the Gee Ranch.
6. Serviced the pressure reducers throughout the District.
7. Started cleaning the bypass channel at the John Nelson fish screen on the Yuba River.
8. Sprayed the Ellis ditch and a section of the Sicard ditch.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. More generator output testing as the Lake elevation drops.
3. Clean the bypass channel at the John Nelson fish screen on the Yuba River.
4. The piping of the leaking section of the Lower Main ditch is being postponed until the end of water season as the ditch will need to be dewatered for about a week to complete the work. Several rocks will need to be knocked down that are poking up from the bottom of the ditch. A drain ditch has been installed to route the water to the natural ravine.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None

6. Correspondence:

- Letter dated June 25, 2012 from Loma Rica / Browns Valley CSD thanking BVID for the assistance and use of equipment.

7. Closed Session: President Lowe announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to discuss and consider advancement for a crew member. Any action taken would be reported in Open Session.

8. Open Session: President Lowe reconvened the meeting into open session and reported that in closed session the Board approved the advancement for crewmember Thomas Wooten from Utility Worker II step 3 to Utility Worker II step 4 effective June 26, 2012.

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