

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 9, 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, Bordsen, and Winchester. Director Woods was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the July 26, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen. 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 July and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler seconded by President Lowe, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of July. All ayes, motion passed.
- Diane Watts of DR Watts Accountancy Corp presented the audit of the 2011 financials. Director Winchester seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to accept the 2011 financial audit report. All ayes, motion passed.
- Mid- year Budget to Actual report. Discussion only, no action taken.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,162.0 ft, which is 21.0 ft below spill. This amounts to 62.0% of storage with 30,700 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 660 KW with releases of 106.5 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,172.0 ft, which is 11.0 ft below spill (79.4% or 39,300 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 735 KW with releases of 108.3 cfs.

Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer:

Based on the latest word from DWR and YCWA, it appears that our Conserved Water Transfer is on the move. I expect to receive confirmation in the next few days.

Department of Justice Voting Rights Act Bailout:

This process is still moving forward with several requests for additional information coming from D.C. We have not only put together a population map for the current District Divisions (as redrawn in 2002), based on 2010 census but are in the process of doing the same for the previous Division map and the 2000 census. We also, at the attorney's request, had a conversation with DOJ to brief them on the District's history.

Bureau of Reclamation long term water transfer EIS/EIR:

The Bureau has contracted with the engineering firms of CDM and MBK to model and analyze the average interconnection of wells to the various rivers in the Sacramento valley with respect to groundwater substitution transfers. The draft report was presented to the sellers yesterday. While this report is still in draft form, to say it is troubling is a major understatement. This report may lead us in a very ugly direction.

Meetings:

Past:

- 7-27-12 I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 7-31-12 I met with Dan Mierzwa (County Treasurer) to make the final General Obligation Bond payment.
- 8-01-12 I participated in the Ag Water Management Council meeting via conference call.
- 8-02-12 Director Winchester, the Operations Manager and I met with Rich Burtelson on Fruitland Road to discuss the repair of the Pumpline canal bank.
- 8-06-12 I participated in the ACWA Legislative Subcommittee conference call.
- 8-08-12 I attended the USBR Long-Term Water Transfers Buyer-Seller meeting in Sacramento.
- 8-09-12 I participated in the Long-Term Water Transfers conference call, hosted by NCWA.
- 8-09-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the July bills and statements.

Future Meetings:

- 8-14-12 ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Rohnert Park.
- 8-17-12 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Willows.
- 8-21-12 YCWA Groundwater Management Workshop in Marysville.
- 8-22-12 Yuba County Ag Water Management meeting in Marysville.

Projects:

Past:

1. Completed a water output test at Virginia Ranch Dam.
2. Cleaned a section of the Heintzen ditch and rebuilt a section of the BV Main ditch.
3. Repaired a break on the Peoria pipeline and the Hill Road pipeline.
4. Finished cleaning the bypass channel at the John Nelson fish screen on the Yuba River.

5. Sprayed the Virginia Ranch Dam powerhouse area and a section of the Browns Valley Main ditch.
6. Replaced the u-joints on truck #4 and delivered truck #7 to the transmission shop.
7. The Operations Manger and two crewmembers attended a pesticide continuing education seminar on August 8th.
8. The Operations Manger attended a JPIA class on lockout/tagout on August 9th.
9. Met with the county on moving a couple of valves for the Fruitland Road widening project.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. More generator output testing as the Lake elevation drops.

5. Joint Defense and Expert Cost-Sharing Agreement. Director Bordsen seconded by Director Winchester moved to accept the Cost Sharing Agreement regarding Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update and Implementation. All ayes motion passed.

6. Consider hosting a celebration of the final payment of the General Obligation Bond for Virginia Ranch Dam. After discussion the consensus was that a celebration would be held at Collins Lake September 22, 2012 for all District landowners and water users.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: President Lowe commented that he had concerns about the use of air conditioning verses dust infiltration in the cabs in the excavators.

8. Correspondence: None

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