

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
AUGUST 13, 2009**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the July 23, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None.

**3. Finance Committee Report:** Directors Winchester and Wheeler reported that they had reviewed the July financial records and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the July Financial Reports. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. Browns Valley Irrigation District Financial Statements December 31, 2008 and 2007:** Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the *Browns Valley Irrigation District Financial Statements December 31, 2008 and 2007*. All ayes, motion passed.

**5. Collins Lake Drought Update:** No action taken.

**6. Manager's Report:**

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,152.9 ft, which is 30.1 ft below spill. This amounts to 48% of storage with 23,800 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 490 Kw with releases of 88 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,140.8 ft, which is 42.2 ft below spill (31% or 15,400 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 460 Kw with releases of 100 cfs.

Staff Activities:

On August 4<sup>th</sup> Randy Hurlbut twisted his back while crossing a fence while back packing a ditch bank and is due for a reevaluation on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ken Hugg, Dan Ward, Tony Ward, and Randy Westerman attended a pesticide seminar on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tony Ward held a safety meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> with the following topics: hard hat safety, communication safety, shop cleanliness, garbage dumping, chemical storage, used oil, and fuel containment safety.

Both Tony Ward and Troy Rhoades are on vacation this week.

### Conserved Water Transfer:

The Notice of Determination for the CEQA Negative Declaration for the 2009 Conserved Water Transfer to Santa Clara VWD has been filed in nine counties as well as the State Clearing House. The initial payment invoice (at \$20/acre foot) has been sent to Santa Clara and the transfer water is scheduled for release from August 16<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Long Term Conserved Water Transfer EIR:

The “Scoping Meeting” was held on July 30<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento and was attended by no one. MBK has completed the flow analysis and we are on track for a draft document by the latter half of September.

### Peoria Pipeline:

Phase 2 of this project received only a few days of work since the last Board meeting due to vacations, the engine change at the Saddleback Lift Pump, equipment repairs and two pipeline breaks. We did install 790’ of pipe which included the last of the first two truck loads of pipe. We also surveyed the route elevation through the Hardie property and did tree and brush clearing. We have now installed 3,770’ of the 7,120’ for this phase.

### Saddleback Lift Pump:

The replacement diesel engine and reduction drive (including belt guard) have been installed at the Saddleback pump station. This project took more than a full week to complete.

### LAFCO Sphere of Influence:

Mark Sayers has just completed a thorough search of the County records looking for both easement and annexation dates for BVID, Cordua ID and the Cordua ditch in the area west of Spring Valley Road. The results are being compiled in a forth coming report.

### Meetings:

#### **Past:**

- 07-24-09 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord Buyers Negotiation strategy conference meeting in Marysville.
- 07-29-09 I attended the Accord/Buyer negotiation meeting in Sacramento.
- 07-30-09 I attended the Conserved Water EIR planning meeting and Scoping Meeting in Sacramento.
- 07-31-09 I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento (as a substitute Board member).
- 08-04-09 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA Legislative Strategy meeting at YCWA.
- 08-04-09 I attended the Rameriz WD Board meeting concerning the Bacon Ranch.
- 08-05-09 Director Winchester and I attended the Member Unit meeting in Marysville.

- 08-11-09 I met with Andrew Coolidge (PR) to discuss the next BVID Newsletter.
- 08-12-09 The Pipeline Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss the Saddleback letter dated July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 08-12-09 I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 08-13-09 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the July bills.

**Future:**

- 08-18-09 YCWA Member Unit meeting in Marysville.
- 08-19-09 Accord/Buyer Negotiation meeting in Sacramento.
- 08-19-09 NCWA Board/Managers meeting in Yuba City.
- 08-26-09 YCWA Regional Water Management Plan meeting in Marysville.
- 08-26-09 ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Investigated a low pressure issue on the Redhill East pipeline.
2. Repaired a break on each of the Peoria and Sandy Way pipelines.
3. The brakes were repaired on the dump truck. It stops better than it ever had before.
4. Replaced the other front idler wheel on the Cat 307 excavator.
5. Repaired a major leak on the Mahle Ditch. An animal had burrowed through the bank. Also repaired several leaks on the lower Palomine ditch.
6. Rebuilt a service on the Mahle pipeline.
7. Guided the air pollution control inspector through a satisfactory inspection of our gasoline tank upgrade at the District shop.
8. Sold the 2000 Ford pickup truck to CarMax in Roseville for \$2,000.
9. Weed abatement efforts have been suspended due to a lack of staffing.

**Future:**

1. Continue the Peoria Pipeline Phase 2.
2. Continue audits.

**7. Tax Rate Resolution 08-13-09-01:** Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods, moved to pass Resolution 08-13-09-01 keeping the 2009-2010 tax rate at \$.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation of the taxable land in the District (see attached). President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Lowe, Woods & Wheeler

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Bordsen

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 08-13-09-01 passed.

**8. Pipeline Committee Report:** No action taken.

**9. Correspondence:**

- Letter from Saddleback Ranch regarding the lift station.

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