

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 23, 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 and Winchester. Directors Woods and Bordsen were absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the August 9, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

Due to Director Woods anticipated late arrival President Lowe skipped to Agenda item #5

5. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,158.3 ft, which is 24.7 ft below spill. This amounts to 57.8% of storage with 27,910 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 580 KW with releases of 99.8 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,169.0 ft, which is 14.0 ft below spill (74.1% or 36,700 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 620 KW with releases of 94 cfs.

Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer:

Although the water has been released from Bullards Bar and has passed by the Marysville gage, the final accounting of how much was actually pumped at the Delta will not be done until the end of September. We will send the invoice out once we have that verification in hand.

Director Woods arrived 5:10 PM

Edward Jones Investments:

The search for a bank that is willing to act as the trust agent for the CD's purchased at Edward Jones has come to an end. There are very few banks that even know what this process is about or even have trust departments. Those that do understand the process consider the minimum account balance to be more than \$1 Million (our Edward Jones balance is half of that) and want both transaction and monthly fees, making this process unworkable. I am now looking at other investment options that will allow for the nationwide purchase of FDIC insured instruments.

Delta Issues:

Last week, MBK, on behalf of the Sacramento Valley Water Users Group, submitted material for SWRCB's first Delta workshop. The main points are that;

1. Tides have large influence on flows in the Delta.
2. Over the past several years, the pelagic fish populations have declined while the percentage of January – June unimpaired flows flowing into the Delta have remained essentially unchanged.
3. Setting new Delta flow requirements will impact upstream reservoir storage and cold water pools.
4. Existing flow requirements allow for many beneficial uses and any changes to the flow requirements will need to support those many uses.

Meetings:

Past:

- 8-13-12 I met with Kurt Johnson (Telluride Energy) to discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 8-14-12 I attended the ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Rohnert Park.
- 8-17-12 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at GCID to discuss the Region's sponsored session (Region 2 Issue Forum) at the fall conference.
- 8-21-12 I attended the YCWA Groundwater Management workshop in Marysville.
- 8-22-12 I attended the YCWA Ag Water Management Plan workshop in Maryville.
- 8-22-12 The Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss possible consultants for the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 8-23-12 I participated in a conference call concerning the USBR Long Term Transfers project.
- 8-23-12 The GIS/Planner participated in a conference call with CAISO (Cal ISO) concerning the communication connection process.

Future Meetings:

- 8-24-12 NCWA Breakfast Forum in Woodland.
- 9-07-12 Ag Water Management workshop at the GCID Pumping Plant.
- 9-07-12 NCWA Communication Committee conference call.
- 9-13-12 Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) meeting.

Projects:

Past:

1. Repaired leaks/breaks on the following pipelines; the Ellis, Peoria, Rancho Loma Rica, Olive Hill and two on the Mahle.
2. Moved an air vent and a service for the Fruitland Road improvement.

3. Sprayed the Harding Canal, BV Main and the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse area.
4. Nearly completed the drain cleaning on the Tullet Ranch.
5. Completed the air conditioning maintenance on the Cat 307 and Kubota 121 excavators.
6. Truck #7 was moved from the transmission shop to an engine repair shop after diagnostics showed the problem to be engine and not transmission related.
7. Rebuilt a service on each of the Arnold and Mahle ditches.
8. Built and installed locks for more of the District wharf valves.

Future Projects:

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

President Lowe then returned to Agenda items # 3 & #4

3. Request by Ramirez W. D. to share in the costs of a pre-mitigation project for the Bacon Ranch. Director Winchester seconded by Director Woods moved to approve one third of the cost billed of \$4,611.00 which is \$1,530.00. All ayes motion passed.

4. A request for a letter authorizing the production ag water user on the Redhill East pipeline to adjust flows to the down slope water users. Discussion only, no action taken.

6. Hydro Committee Report: Concerning the efforts to select a consultant for the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project. Discussion only.

7. The recently proposed hydroelectric project at Daguerre Point Dam. Discussion only.

8. A resolution Authorizing Assessments for Delinquent Charges to be Collected on the Yuba County Tax Rolls. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve Resolution 8-23-12-01 Yuba County Assessments. President Lowe then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Woods, Wheeler, and Lowe
 NOES: none
 ABSTAIN: none
 ABSENT: Bordsen

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None

6. Correspondence:

- Letter dated August 7, 2012 from SYRCL to Secretary Bose regarding Licensing process Daguerre Point Dam.
- Letter dated August 8, 2012 from YCWA to Secretary Bose regarding Licensing process Daguerre Point Dam Hydropower Project.
- Letter dated August 23, 2012 from Deonn Linden, Dawn Weborg and Wendy Hubbard to BVID opposing the regulation of water flow on Redhill East.

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