

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 26, 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 August 12, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,164.8 ft, which is 18.2 ft below spill. This amounts to 68.5% of storage with 33,040 Acre Feet of usable supplies remaining. The Generator is running at 598 Kw with releases of 92.9 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,149.4 ft, which is 33.6 ft below spill (42.8% or 21,180 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 435 Kw with releases of 81 cfs.

Staff Activities:

The crewmember that has been off since March due to a non work related medical issue has been tentatively released to come back to work on September 1st, pending a fit-for-duty evaluation.

We sold the 2005 Ford F-150 to CarMax.

Water Transfers:

The releases for the Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer were completed on August 24th. An invoice will be provided to Santa Clara VWD.

Ellis Pipeline:

Since the last Board meeting, the crew has installed 1,720' of 18" pipe, including a long wet section. We have now installed 4,620' of the 8,825' for this phase.

Floodplain/Stream Channel Surveys:

DWR is working on the Central Valley Floodplain Evaluation & Delineation Program and has enlisted Wood Rogers to provide riverine and floodplain hydraulic models. To that end, Wood Rogers is doing field surveys of streams in our area, including South Honcut Creek and has been working with our landowners to secure access to the creek.

Yuba County 2030 General Plan:

Yuba County has released the draft of the 2030 General Plan and is looking for written comments before September 13th. One area of concern is in the executive summary (page 5) that states "Reduce water consumption..." The implied statement is that water is currently being wasted and that is simply not true. This should be better stated as "Insure the efficient use of water". It also appears that the designation of the lands around Collins Lake have been changed from "public" to "public open space" (the same as the Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area) but should be "Public Recreation", which is in line with the "Private Recreation" designation for the Thousand Trails area.

Meetings:

Past:

- 08-13 thru the 16th I was on family leave.
- 08-18-10 I participated in the Ag Water Management Council meeting conference call.
- 08-18-10 Mark Sayers and I attended the Groundwater Monitoring Program workshop in Redding.
- 08-18-10 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting in Woodland.
- 08-19-10 Director Winchester and I attended the YCWA Groundwater Management Plan update meeting at YCWA.
- 08-20-10 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Butte City.
- 08-24-10 Director Winchester and I attended the SYRCL vs. NMFS lawsuit briefing at YCWA.
- 08-25-10 The Pipeline Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss District pipeline projects.
- 08-25-10 The Hydro Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met to discuss future hydro projects.
- 08-26-10 The Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) met to discuss advancement of a crewmember and upcoming union negotiations.

Future Meetings:

- 08-30-10 NCWA Bay-Delta Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 09-01-10 PG&E/YCWA Power Purchase negotiation at YCWA.
- 09-02-10 Meeting with Debbie Byrne (Yuba County Fish & Game Commission) concerning the FERC Yuba Project Relicensing.
- 09-03-10 NCWA Communication Committee conference call.
- 09-07-10 Vacation.
- 09-08-10 YCWA Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 09-09-10 Finance Committee meeting.

Projects:

Past:

1. Repaired main line breaks on each of the Lone Tree, Redhill West, and the Bald Mountain pipelines.
2. Rebuilt and braced a flume on the Thousand Trails ditch.
3. Installed a new service on the McDrip pipeline.
4. Repaired two broken hydraulic lines on the John Deere excavator.
5. Oil changed in three District vehicles.
6. Repacked a section of the Sicard ditch bank which stopped two large leaks.

Future:

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

4. Pipeline Committee Report:

- District taking ownership of privately owned pipelines: No action taken.
- Reconstruction of the (now private) Spring Glen pipeline: Tabled.
- Draft policy for septic lines crossing District ditches: Tabled.

5. Hydro Committee Report: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve a preliminary study, including minimal design, of a future hydro facility. All ayes, motion passed.

6. East Side of Collins Lake Dozer Road: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the grant of reciprocal easement for east side access road and agreement among BVID & various landowners on the east side of Collins Lake; subject to both documents needing to address access by BVID & assigns and that BVID may, at some future time, become a paying participant.

7. Director's Comments and Reports:

- Director Winchester discussed a mid year Finance Committee Review and NCWA Board Meeting regarding Delta Plan.
- Director Lowe discussed the letter from Curt Aikens regarding groundwater pumping.
- Director Bordsen requested a letter be drafted to the BVID staff commending their auditing efforts.

8. Correspondence:

- Memo from YCWA (Curt Aikens) regarding *Cordua Irrigation District 2009 Report of Groundwater Pumping*.
- Letter from NCWA regarding *Comments on Third Draft Interim Delta Plan*.
- Letter from Axel Karlshoej regarding *Water Will Serve Capacity for Proposed Spring Valley Subdivision*.

9. Closed Session: Director Woods announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Committee Report involving labor negotiations with Operating Engineers #3 and consider an advancement for a crew member. Government Code sec. 54945.5(f) and 54957.6. Any action taken in Closed Session would be reported when the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

10. Open Session: Director Woods announced that crew member Kevin Shrader was advanced to Utility Worker II Step 3 retroactive to October 23, 2009 and Utility Worker II Step 4 as of October 23, 2010.

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