

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 28, 2008**

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the August 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved as corrected (July Financial records seconded by Director Woods) on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester, all ayes, motion passed.

Public Forum: Carol Williams noted that the BVID staff and crew had been most helpful as she worked through irrigation issues at various locations in the District. No action taken.

Collins Lake Drought Update: After discussion about the current condition of Collins Lake and how demand should drop off as the days get shorter and the nights get cooler along with a desire to be able to extend the irrigation season further into the fall, Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, moved to reduce the number of days that the irrigation water is on from 4 days to 3 days each week, effective September 15th and that the Manager shall get a notice mailed to the water users next week. All ayes, motion passed.

Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,137.4 ft, which is 45.6 ft below spill. The Generator is running at 425 Kw with releases of 106.4 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,144 ft, which is 39 ft below spill. The Generator was running at 485 Kw with releases of 108.6 cfs.

LAFCO Sphere of Influence:

Yuba County LAFCO (via their consultant) has provided a draft map of what they think our Sphere of Influence might look like. We will need to make adjustments and relay that back to the consultant.

Yuba FireSafe Request for Letters of Support:

Yuba FireSafe is requesting letters of support for three grants that they are pursuing, including; Roadside Fuel Reduction, Forbestown Shaded Fuelbreak and the Chipping Program. Even though some of these projects are well outside of the District, if a down-slope wind-aided wildfire ever got going above us, we could be at risk.

Marysville Road Widening:

Yuba County Public Works is planning a project to widen Marysville Road at Spring Valley Road and install a left turn lane at that intersection. We will be working closely with the County to insure that the District's infrastructure is not damaged in the process.

PG&E Request:

I provided a tour of the east side of Collins to PG&E to show the possible access route to the proposed staging area that they are looking at below the Dam. We also looked at the meadow owned by Eric Johnson that is about 0.6 miles south of Marysville Road on County Road 270.

Conserved Water Transfer:

The fully executed agreement with Santa Clara has been received by Santa Clara and they are now processing the first payment of \$31,000 to the District (3,100 AF x \$10.00).

Meetings:

Past:

- 08-19-08 The ad hoc committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) interviewed a potential public relations firm.
- 08-19 & 20-08 I was out for a medical procedure.
- 08-22-08 I provided a tour of the District to the manager of Dudley Ridge WD (Dale Melville).
- 08-25-08 I met with PG&E to show them the east side of Collins Lake access and staging areas.
- 08-25-08 I attended the Delta Vision workshop in Chico.
- 08-26-08 I attended the YCWA Board meeting in Marysville.
- 08-27-08 Carey Powell and Mark Sayers met with the accounting and GIS folks at Nevada ID to learn how they are incorporating accounting and GIS into their database.

Future Meetings

None Scheduled.

Projects:

Past:

1. Hand patched leaks on the Sicard ditch.
2. Audited the Stonehedge Extension, and the Dry Creek Extension.
3. Changed the oil in the rented diesel pumps.
4. Dealt with the on/off water schedule.
5. Mechanically cleaned the Heintzen ditch, part of the South ditch, and a section of the Lower Main ditch.

6. Spot sprayed weeds on the Heintzen, Lower Main and Thousand Trails ditches
7. Repaired a break on the Olive Hill pipeline and the Stonehedge Extension.
8. Installed a new weed rack at the Sicard Flat siphon and two on the Mahle Ditch.
9. Rebuilt two services on the Fig Tree pipeline.
10. Tony met with Don Moss (Henwood Engineering) and dealt with a sticky wicket gate issue at the Powerhouse.

Future:

1. Continue spot spraying the right of ways heat and wind permitting.
2. Police the District for over users and chase water up ravines.
3. Repair the leak at the head of the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline.

Conserved Water Transfer: Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve the Agreement for Temporary Storage of Transfer Water with Yuba County Water Agency (attached). All ayes, motion passed.

Correspondence:

- o Draft letter to Saddleback Ranch concerning the loss of fish.

Closed Session: President Winchester announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to have a conference call with legal counsel regarding existing litigation. Any action taken in Closed Session would be reported when the meeting reconvened into Open Session.

Open Session: President Winchester reconvened the meeting into Open Session and reported that no action was taken.

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