

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the August 25, 2011 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 Wheeler & Winchester reported that they had reviewed the financial records for the month of August and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of August. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

Current elevation is 1,166.1 ft, which is 16.9 ft. below spill. This amounts to 69.1% of storage with 34,190 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 4.5 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,162.0 ft, which is 21.0 ft below spill (62% or 30,700 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 480 Kw with releases of 78.9 cfs.

The Powerhouse (delivery system) will be restarted early Friday morning.

**Dry Creek Water Study:**

During the outage, which started Monday evening at 7:00 pm, we have been monitoring the 20 drainage sites spread throughout the upper District every two hours from 7 am to 7 pm. Beginning Saturday we will return to twice daily monitoring which will continue through September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ACWA Committees:**

Now is the time to submit applications for the various committees that drive ACWA's activities and policies. Applications will need to be returned to ACWA by September 30, 2011. Currently, Director Winchester is on the Groundwater Committee and I am on the Energy Committee.

**Meetings:****Past:**

- 08-31-11 I met with Nina Singh (Gold Country Bank) concerning the District's banking needs.
- 09-02-11 The GIS/Planner and I met with MBK to finalize the details for the water study.
- 09-08-11 The Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) met to review the August bills.

**Future Meetings:**

- 09-14-11 Water Storage workshop in Sacramento.
- 09-15-11 FERC inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam.
- 09-16-11 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 09-16-11 NMFS and NCWA discussion on the Recovery Plan for Salmon at YCWA.
- 09-21-11 Sacramento Valley Water Forum in Chico.
- 09-26-11 through 09-30-11 I will be on vacation.
- 11-28-11 through 12-02-11 JPIA and ACWA Conference in Anaheim.

**Projects:****Past:**

1. Sprayed more of the Pumpline canal.
2. Rebuilt a service on the Pumpline canal.
3. Repaired 5 leaks on the Able pipeline.
4. Continued to exercise wharf and blowout valves.
5. Continued work on the Ekstrom/Saddleback service. We have 80' of 8" pipe left to install, build services, install the screen box/paddle wheel and final cleanup to finish this project.
6. Completed maintenance on the Saddleback lift pump.
7. Hauled stock water to a few water users during the outage.
8. Had the cracked rear springs replaced on the dump truck.
9. Replaced the alternator on truck #4.
10. Delivered truck #6 to Geweke Ford for some warranty work.

**Future Projects:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Finish the Ekstrom/Saddleback service/pipeline project on the Olive Hill ditch.
3. Continue exercising wharf and blowout valves.

**5. Director's Comments and Reports:** Director Bordsen requested that an agenda item be added to the September 22, 2011 Board meeting to discuss compensation for Manager Cotter for the additional hours worked during the Dry Creek Water Recapture Project Water Study.

Director Lowe informed the Board that he will be absent for the next Board meeting on September 22, 2011.

**6. Correspondence:**

- Letter to Senator Dan Logue regarding Senate Bill 931 oppose
- Letter to Senator Doug La Malfa regarding AB646 oppose
- Letter to Chad Dibble at the Department of Fish and Game regarding BVID's fish screen

**7. Closed Session:** Director Woods announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation. Any action taken would be announced when the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

**8. Open Session:** President Woods reported that the Board voted in closed session to have attorney Horowitz contact and make arraignments with attorney Hebert in Washington D.C. to obtain a Permanent Exemption from Federal Voting Rights Act Preclearance Requirements from the US Department of Justice.

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