

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2012**

At 5:00 pm Vice President Bordsen called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Wheeler, Woods and Winchester, President Lowe was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the August 23, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Finance Committee Report:** Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of August and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of August. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,153.3 ft, which is 29.7 ft below spill. This amounts to 49.4% of storage with 24,460 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 395 KW with releases of 71.6 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,165.0 ft, which is 18.0 ft below spill (67.1% or 33,200 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 540 KW with releases of 83.6 cfs.

**Loma Rica Road Improvement**

The County has informed us that next summer, they will be doing a road improvement project on Loma Rica Road at the rise located just west of Marysville Road. They are planning on cutting 8' out of the rise and filling and straightening the curves west of that rise. The top of the rise is the exact location of the beginning of the McDrip pipeline. We will have to relocate this line as it is not currently 11' deep. The County is asking that we do whatever work it is that we need to do this winter. I have requested a set of plans so that we can make plans for a good long term fix. Because this pipeline is located within the County's right-of-way, the work is our responsibility.

**County Auditor and the General Obligation Bond**

While the GO Bond is paid off, the County Auditor has been inquiring as to the validity of the District's property tax assessment. We have supplied several documents to the Auditor and have even referred him to our attorney for legal justification. We hope that he is now satisfied.

### **Dam Party (Bond Burning Party)**

Plans are coming together for the Party at Collins Lake. We have located two trailer mounted grills in addition to the large grill in the picnic area and are receiving RSVPs daily. We currently have 76 people confirmed to attend, but expect at least 3 times that (if not more).

### **Meetings:**

#### **Past:**

- 8-24-12 I attended the NCWA Breakfast Forum in Woodland.
- 8-31-12 The GIS/Planner and I met with Tim Busch (Mead and Hunt) to walk Dry Creek in the area of the proposed Cone Screen.
- 9-06-12 I met with Lincoln Young (Collins Lake) concerning the upcoming Dam Party.
- 9-07-12 I participated in the NCWA Communication Committee conference call.
- 9-11-12 The Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss possible consultants for the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.
- 9-12-12 I attended the Accord Executive Committee meeting to prepare for the upcoming "Clear the Air" meeting with the Accord buyers.
- 9-12-12 I attended the California Water Series meeting in Redding.
- 9-13-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) met to review the August bills and statements.

### **Future Meetings:**

- 9-14-12 Accord "Clear the Air" meeting in Sacramento.
- 9-18-12 Mountain Counties "Water and Agriculture in Northern California" meeting in Loomis.
- 9-26-12 ACWA Regional Briefing in Sacramento.

### **Projects:**

#### **Past:**

1. Repaired leaks on the Peoria, Redhill East, and Sandy Way pipelines.
2. Repaired a break on the McDrip pipeline which involved shutting down the entire pipeline.
3. Installed a service on the Heintzen ditch.
4. Continued work building up the Pumpline canal bank along Fruitland Road.
5. Sprayed tules on the Harding canal and the Pumpline canal. Also sprayed appurtenances on the Abel pipeline.
6. The repairs on truck #7 which included a leaky intake manifold and an a/c problem were completed.
7. Completed a generator output test at Virginia Ranch Dam.

**Future Projects:**

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

**5. Hydro Committee Report:** Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to accept the contract with Provost & Pritchard and ORENCO as a consultant for the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project with two modifications. The cost is not to exceed \$27,000.00 and that the time the report is due to BVID is decreased from 8 weeks to 6 weeks. . All ayes, motion passed.

**6. Tax Rate Resolution:** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve Resolution 8-23-12-01 Yuba County Assessments and Vice President Bordsen to sign in President Lowes absence. Vice President Bordsen then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Woods, Wheeler, and Bordsen

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Lowe

Resolution 8-23-12-01 passed

**5. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated August 23, 2012 from Manager Cotter to Senator Doug La Malfa regarding opposition of Assembly Bill 685.
- Letter dated August 23, 2012 from Manager Cotter to Assemblyman Dan Logue regarding opposition of Assembly Bill 685.
- Letter dated September 4, 2012 from Manager Cotter to Curt Aikens / Yuba County Water Agency regarding PG&E / YCWA Enhancement Agreement or BVID.
- Letter dated September 10, 2012 from Manager Cotter to Governor Brown regarding opposition of Assembly Bill 685.

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