

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 22, 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, and Bordsen. Director Lowe was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the September 8, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Financial Report: Diane Watts from D.R. Watts Accountancy provided and discussed her recommendations regarding the 2010 Financial Audit. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the recommendations provided with corrections recommended by Director Bordsen. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Collins Lake Building Addition: Lincoln Young from Collins Lake presented plans to expand the campground office/store. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the plan as submitted. All ayes, motion passed.

5. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,163.1 ft, which is 19.9 ft. below spill. This amounts to 63.8% of storage with 31,410 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 450 Kw with releases of 75.2 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,159.7 ft, which is 23.3 ft below spill (58.5% or 28,960 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 380 Kw with releases of 68.9 cfs.

Financial Activities:

The 18 month CD at Umpqua Bank in the amount of \$83,570.83 has matured and I have placed the funds with Edward Jones for investment in the secondary market CD's.

Dry Creek Water Study:

We have finished the data gathering portion of the study and have forwarded the information to MBK for their analysis. The report should be out in eight weeks or so.

Virginia Ranch Dam Hydroelectric Generation:

PG&E has informed us that 1) they will be sending out an amendment to the recently signed one-year extension that will extend the drop dead date from 60 days to 120 days (after the new QF agreements are approved by the PUC) and extend the extension to August 31, 2012 and 2) BVID needs to get started on the process to acquire a new Interconnection Agreement, which will need to be in place in order to receive a new generation contract with PG&E.

Two related items came up during the annual FERC field inspection last week that will need to be addressed. There should be an alarm on the door to the Powerhouse and a high water (flow rate) alarm on the Toe Drain Weirs. Both of these alarms could be tied into the existing Auto Dialer.

Meetings:

Past:

- 09-14-11 I attended the Water Storage workshop in Sacramento.
- 09-15-11 The Operations Manager and I met with FERC for an inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam and Powerhouse.
- 09-16-11 I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 09-16-11 I met with the State Department of Finance concerning the Prop 50 Grant accounting.
- 09-16-11 I attended the NMFS and NCWA discussion on the Recovery Plan for Salmon at YCWA.
- 09-20-11 The Pipeline Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss Wharf Valve and private pipeline issues.
- 09-21-11 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting at YCWA.
- 09-22-11 The Personnel Committee met to discuss overtime compensation for the General Manager during the Dry Creek Water Study.

Future Meetings:

- 09-23-11 Meeting with NLine Energy concerning the Hydroelectric Power Study.
- 09-26-11 through 09-30-11, I will be on vacation.
- 10-04-11 Meeting with Nina Singh (Gold Country Bank) concerning the District's banking needs.
- 10-13-11 Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) to review the September bills.
- 11-28-11 through 12-02-11 JPIA and ACWA Conference in Anaheim.

Projects:

Past:

1. Sprayed more of the Pumpline canal.
2. Removed several trees from the water side of Virginia Ranch Dam.
3. Replaced the outlet pipe at toe drain #2 at Virginia Ranch Dam.
4. Completed tree maintenance in front of the District office.
5. Completed all but the paddlewheel installation on the O'Brien service at the Olive Hill Ditch.
6. Rebuilt the boom cylinder on the Cat 307 excavator.
7. Repaired a break on the Mahle, Peoria, and the McDrip pipelines.
8. Completed the 90 day BIT inspection of the dump truck.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Finish the O'Brien paddlewheel installation on the Olive Hill ditch.
3. Continue exercising wharf and blowout valves.
4. Finish the Mahle screen and drain safety fence.

6. Pipeline Committee Report: Discussed issues over the use of Wharf Valves located on private roads by water truck permit holders. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester moved to authorize the General Manger to solve the issue by limiting access to Warf Valves on private roads including the current locations in question on Cross Star Trail and Pony Express Trail and to update the Wharf Valve Maps to reflect proper water fill locations.

Request to extend pipeline to resolve a private pipeline issue brought on by parcel sale, tabled.

7. Amendment No. 3 to the Lower Yuba River Accord Agreement for the Conjunctive Use of Surface and Groundwater Supplies during 2012 – 2015. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Lower Yuba River Accord Agreement for the Conjunctive Use of Surface and Groundwater Supplies. All ayes, motion passed.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None.

9. Correspondence:

- Letter to Governor Brown concerning AB 646Veto
- Letter from Senator La Malfa concerning AB 646 oppose

10. Closed Session: Director Woods announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to consider compensation for additional time worked for the General Manager as part of the Dry Creek Recapture Project Water Study. Any action taken would be announced when the meeting reconvened in Open Session.

11. Open Session: President Woods reported that the Board voted in closed session to approve 55.6 hours CTO to Manager Cotter for additional time worked during the Dry Creek Recapture Project Water Study. The committee report recommended that all extra time be CTO at straight time except for the Holiday which we recommended 1-1/2 time CTO. Approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

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