

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 13, 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 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None.

**3. Finance Committee Report:** Directors Wheeler & Winchester reported that they had reviewed the financial records and bank statement for the month of September and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of September. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

Current elevation is 1,161.0 ft, which is 22 ft. below spill. This amounts to 60.6% of storage with 30,000 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 255 Kw with releases of 54.8 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,155.8 ft, which is 27.2 ft below spill (52.4% or 25,940 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 325 Kw with releases of 62.4 cfs.

**Financial Activities:**

Gold Country Bank is making a bid to service the District's banking needs and has provided a banking services proposal. To be honest, there is not much of a reason to make the effort to change banks (from Umpqua) desirable.

**Staff Activities:**

The Operations Manager and Office Manager attended Sexual Harassment training in Sacramento.

Four of the crew members attended a Safety for excavators meeting in Chico.

### **Pumpline Canal:**

The rice ground acres will be increasing next year due to the leveling of about 200 acres of what used to be dry farmed ground. In addition we have received inquiries about the availability of Pumpline water for another 100 acres that is upslope of the Pumpline Canal (also for rice). We have an existing delivery capacity issue during flood-ups and the additional acres will only exacerbate that situation. In order to not oversubscribe that canal, I have informed those that have inquired about water for the 100 acres that water is not available (for rice) at this time. I have also discussed this issue with the owner of the 200 acres. He is installing a well to supplement his supply and will be placing that new well in the Accord program.

*During the discussion of the “Pumpline Canal” portion of the Managers Report, the Board did not agree with the Managers decision that “water is not available (for rice) at this time” for the additional 100 acre parcel on Iowa City Road. The Manager will contact both the broker and the two potential buyers and let them know that he was in error and that water is available for that property.*

### **Annexation / LAFCO:**

The letter agreement has been signed for the attorney that is working on the bailout process for voter prequalification with the Justice Department and we have begun the process of gathering the data that he has requested.

### **Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Yuba IRWMP):**

The Yuba IRWMP is in need of a State mandated update. Unlike previous IRWMP actions, this update will not be funded entirely by YCWA but will instead be a shared obligation by all the member agencies on a pro-rata basis (using budgets as the basis). This change in funding is due to YCWA’s desire to not be the sole source of funding for the Yuba IRWMP. While there are grant funds that (hopefully) will cover most of the costs, there will be some real costs for BVID to move this process forward.

### **Meetings:**

#### **Past:**

- 09-23-11 I met with NLine Energy concerning the Hydroelectric Power Study.
- 09-26-11 through 09-30-11 I was on vacation.
- 10-03-11 I attended a meeting with Hallwood I.C. and YCWA concerning the Bacon Ranch issue.
- 10-04-11 I attended the Accord Executive Committee meeting concerning the Bacon Ranch at YCWA.
- 10-04-11 I met with Gold Country Bank concerning their banking services proposal.
- 10-05-11 I attended the Yuba IRWMP meeting at Yuba County.

10-13-11 The Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) met to review the September bills and bank statement.

**Future Meetings:**

10-19-11 North Sacramento Valley Water Forum concerning Delta issues in Chico.

10-20-11 Meeting with Joe Barnes (URS Engineers) concerning future projects.

10-25-11 Water Storage workshop in Sacramento.

11-28-11 through 12-02-11 JPIA and ACWA Conference in Anaheim.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Built wharf valve locks and installed them on Cross Star Trail and Pony Express Trail.
2. Painted the paddlewheel screen boxes in inventory.
3. Installed a new track on the KX121 excavator.
4. Changed the oil and did a break job on the Ford Explorer.
5. Replaced windshields in trucks 3, 11, 12, 14.
6. Repaired the tongue and frame of the pipe trailer.
7. Replaced brushes and brush holders on some of the paddlewheels currently in use.
8. Removed water study measuring staffs and T-posts after the Dry Creek water study.
9. Installed two large culverts in the R-Line ditch for Saddleback Ranch.
10. Audited the Ellis pipeline.
11. Replaced a bad wharf valve on Lone Tree Way.
12. Built and installed a cover over the diversion box at the head of the Ellis pipeline.
13. Repaired a leak on the Ellis pipeline and installed a pressure reducer at Galaxy Way.
14. Repaired a leak on the Spring Glenn extension off of the Hill Road pipeline.

**Future Projects:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Continue exercising wharf and blowout valves.
3. Finish the Mahle screen and drain safety fence.
4. Amend the roofing on the loafing shed.

**5. November & December Board Meeting Dates:** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to adjust the November & December 2011 Regular Board Meetings as follows:

- Cancel the November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup> Regular Board Meetings.
- Move the November 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting to Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Move the December 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting to Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

All ayes, motion passed.

**6. Director's Comments and Reports:** None.

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