

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
OCTOBER 14, 2010**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the September 23, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. 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 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.

After discussion, Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the 2010 Contingency Purchase List as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,155.6 ft, which is 27.4 ft below spill. This amounts to 52.08% of storage with 25,650 Acre Feet of usable supplies remaining. The Generator is running at 325 Kw with releases of 62.4 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,138.0 ft, which is 45.0 ft below spill (27.7% or 13,700 Acre Feet). The Generator was off due to a storm with releases of 1.02 cfs.

Tennessee Creek Hydroelectric Project:

The low level engineering is proceeding on schedule. A conceptual pipeline profile has been developed, and work is progressing on the intake as well as powerhouse plan drawings for both locations. The design assumes the pipeline will be buried. Intake and powerhouse elevations being used are from BVID's GIS drawing that also shows the proposed penstock route. Conceptual powerhouse dimensions are based on data from the engineer's Turbine Pro program and assume a pelton type wheel for this project.

Ellis Pipeline:

We have installed the last of the large diameter pipe for this phase of the project. We are now installing the last legs of the spur pipeline that will serve Arrowhead and Stonewall. Since the last Board meeting, the crew has

installed 2,580' of 18", 15", 6" and 4" pipe. We have now installed 8,812' of the 8,825' for this phase.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

A Project Sign has been installed to meet the grant requirements (see the photo to the right).



Design work has been concentrating on both the location of and type of diversion in and/or along Dry Creek. The current thought is for an infiltration trench located along the bank of the Creek near the southern end of the island in the campground (in a gravelly area). Test pits will need to be dug and test pumped to determine if this concept will in fact function and to establish the proper length/size of the trench.

Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP):

This Plan is tasked with 1) Habitat Restoration (up to 125,000 acres, including inundation of the certain Sacramento River bypass areas), 2) New Water Conveyance Facilities (2 - 45 mile tunnels under the Delta) and 3) Flow Criteria in the Delta. While the draft Plan and EIR won't be out until next spring, early indications are that the tunnels will be 33' in diameter, with up to 5 intakes (each the size of the GCID diversion, 1,000' long) and the total cost to complete the project will be around \$15 Billion.

Meetings:

Past:

- 09-24-10 I attended the Yuba Regional Water Management Group meeting at YCWA.
- 09-28-10 I met with Tim Busch and Kelly Tilford (Mead & Hunt) to scout out possible diversion locations and methods for the Dry Creek recapture Project.
- 09-29-10 Director Winchester and I attended the Dobbins/Oregon House Action Committee (DOAC) meeting in Dobbins concerning the Draft General Plan Update.
- 09-30-10 I attended the Bay Delta Conservation Plan workshop in Chico.
- 10-01-10 Vacation day.
- 10-04-10 The Pipeline Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) and the Executive Committee (Directors Woods and Winchester) met.
- 10-05-10 I attended the NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.

- 10-05-10 The Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) began negotiations for a new Union Contract with Operating Engineers #3.
- 10-06-10 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 10-07-10 I attended the DOAC meeting in Dobbins concerning the Draft General Plan Update.
- 10-13-10 I met with Gary Keinlen and company (MBK Engineers) concerning the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 10-13-10 I attended the DOAC meeting in Dobbins concerning the Draft General Plan Update.
- 10-14-10 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the September bills.

Future:

- 10-15-10 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 10-15-10 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 10-18-10 LAFCO sponsored AB 1234 Ethics Training in Marysville.
- 10-20-10 YCWA Groundwater Workshop at YCWA.
- 10-26-10 NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 10-27-10 Accord Member Unit tour of Colgate Powerhouse.
- 01-13-11 Board Workshop with Dale Johnson concerning the History of BVID as it relates to PG&E.*

Projects:

Past:

1. Cleaned the bypass channel leading to the fish screens.
2. Mechanically cleaned the Arnold Ditch.
3. Installed a new service on the Finch pipeline.
4. Completed some general maintenance on the pump motors at the Yuba River pumping station.
5. Completed the B.I.T. inspection of the District's # 12 dump truck.
6. Cleaned the inside of the radio repeater building.
7. Installed the project sign for the recapture project at the Pumpline Canal.
8. Installed two wharf valves on the Landerman pipeline.
9. Repaired a break on the Mahle pipeline.

10. Set the sign for the Dry Creek recapture project.
11. Repaired the bank of the South Ditch where the cows had worn it down.
12. Restarted the powerhouse and reset the pump timers in the District due to a power outage from the lightning storm.

Future:

1. Finish the last concrete pour in the new large shop.
2. Finish up work on this phase the Ellis pipeline.

5. Executive Committee Report: Tabled, no action taken.

6. Pipeline Committee Report: Subject to approval from Yuba County, Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the policy for Septic Lines Crossing District Ditches. All ayes, motion passed.

7. History Committee Report: Director Bordsen reported on archive research, no action taken.

8. Draft Yuba County Plan Update: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the following comments to the Draft Yuba County General Plan Update:

1. Policy HS-3.3 RWQCB (Public Health page 19) The overreaching policy concerning the addressing of Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements.
2. Action NR-5.4 Restoration on Ag Lands (Natural Resources page 30) The overreaching policy concerning maintaining or improving irrigation and drainage canals to provide enhanced habitat value.
3. Policy NR-12.1 Groundwater (Natural Resources page 46) The overreaching policy concerning managing groundwater supplies.
4. Community Names with respect to the naming of the community located to the west of Collins Lake (suggest a change to Willow Glen).

All ayes, motion passed.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: None.

10. Correspondence:

- Letter from NCWA regarding Water Management Task Force.
- Email from Paul Baker regarding excellent customer service.

Closed Session: President Woods announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to discuss negotiations with Operating Engineers #3 and hear the Personnel Committee's report. Any action taken would be reported in Open Session.

Open Session: President Woods reported the Board's decision to accept the Union's negotiated changes to the MOU to include:

- 3 year contract, January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2023 and effective January 1, 2011, 2012, 2013
- COLA plus 1.5% with a maximum combined total of no greater than 3.5% per year and does not create a total adjustment great than 5% per year. In the event the COLA is 0% or less the minimum salary adjustment shall be 1.5%.
- \$50,000 life insurance policy, pending approval by Union representatives.
- Each year the topic of insurance benefits will be re-examined.
- Language clarifications to eliminate "An employee who works..." and "all other employees required" pending instruction from District's Attorney.

Additionally, the Board voted to extend the same negotiations to the office staff.

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