

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

At 5:00 pm President Woods called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Wheeler and Lowe. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen. Director Bordsen arrived at 5:20 pm and Director Winchester arrived at 5:40 pm.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 27, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes, motion passed. Directors Bordsen and Winchester absent.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Finance Committee Report: Director Wheeler reported that she had reviewed the financial records for the month of October and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of October. All ayes, motion passed. Directors Bordsen and Winchester absent.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The irrigation season ended on November 4th. Current elevation is 1,158.1 ft, which is 24.9 ft. below spill. This amounts to 56.1% of storage with 27,770 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 3.0 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,157.7 ft, which is 25.3 ft below spill (55.4% or 27,430 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 1.0 cfs.

Financial Activities:

Using funds at Edward Jones, we purchased the following CDs;

BMW bank, Utah	\$10,000	28 months	1.355%
1 st National Bank, South Dakota	\$15,000	29 months	1.597%
State Bank of India, New York	\$10,000	29 months	1.355%
Flushing Savings Bank, New York	\$7,000	34 months	1.755%

All of the CalPers issues associated with the updating of their operating software package have been resolved, errors are corrected and we are now operating normally.

Cost of Living (COLA):

The September to September West Urban Size B-C (less than 1.5 million) cost of living index came in at 3.8%. Therefore, based on the current MOU with the Operating Engineers No 3, the Cost of Living wage adjustment for 2012 will be 3.8%.

Hydroelectric:

YCWA is circulating the latest draft of the PG&E/YCWA Enhancement Amendment for the District's Yuba River water and is expected to be forwarding that draft to PG&E in the next few days.

Dr. Lon House is working on the analysis of the various PG&E rate options available to the District for our power generation at the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse. He has both release and payment records for the last three years. I understand that he is providing this service to several small hydro generators in the area.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

Gary Kienlen at MBK Engineers informs me that the report for the Dry Creek Tail Water Return Flow Study is not yet complete but that he expects to have the report finished before year end.

Voting Rights Act Bailout:

Gerry Hebert (our attorney in this matter) has received the data that he requested and is meeting with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to move this process forward. It appears that the DOJ is very interested in moving these bailouts along, which is a plus for BVID.

Director Bordsen arrived.

Delta Plan EIR:

ACWA is trying to put together a 50,000 ft view comment letter on the Delta Plan EIR (that the Draft Delta Plan will not work) that can be signed by as many as 60 agencies for the Delta Stewardship Council meeting on Friday. We may be asked to sign this letter in short order.

Meetings:

Past:

- 11-03-11 I participated in a conference call with ACWA for incoming Board members.
- 11-03-11 through 11-07-11, I was on vacation.
- 11-08-11 Director Winchester and I met with Andrew Coolidge (PR) concerning the next BVID newsletter.
- 11-14-11 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 11-14-11 I participated in a conference call with NLine Energy concerning the draft feasibility study.
- 11-15-11 Director Winchester and I attended the YCWA Member Units meeting at YCWA.
- 11-16-11 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting at YCWA.
- 11-16-11 The Finance Committee (Director Wheeler) met to review the October Bills and Bank Statements.

Future Meetings:

- 11-17-11 Ag Water Management Council conference call.
- 11-17-11 ACWA Board Member Orientation meeting and dinner in Sacramento.
- 11-18-11 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 11-28-11 through 12-02-11 JPIA and ACWA Conference in Anaheim.
- 11-14-11 Finance Committee meeting.

Projects:

Past:

1. Rebuilt the training wall at the head of the Sicard ditch.
2. Rebuilt a broken service on the Too Handy pipeline and the Sandy Way pipeline.
3. Repaired three mainline breaks on the Abel pipeline.
4. Replaced the Sandy Way pipeline crossing at Little Dry Creek due to a break in the line.
5. Installed a driveshaft safety guard at the John Nelson fish screen.
6. Replaced a pressure relief valve On the Upper Main pipeline.
7. Mechanically cleaning the bank of the Pumpline Canal and cleaned the lower end of the Thousand Trails ditch.
8. Installed a rain gutter on the front of District Office building.
9. Installed the buoys at Collins Lake.
10. Set up ditch spills for winter flows.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Finish the Mahle screen and drain safety fence.

5. The Board will review and consider the NLine Energy “BVID Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric Feasibility Report”. Discussion only no action taken. Hydro/Pipeline Committee to meet and further discuss.

Director Winchester arrived during the discussion.

6. The Board will consider a request for out-of-District water. Scott & Kathy Salter of 7228 Penny Way, Browns Valley requested to receive out of District water through existing easements. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester, moved to approve, With the understanding that this parcel will be annexed into the District during the next annexation. All ayes, motion passed.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Winchester announced that at the NCWA Board meeting, NCWA has a Proposed Resolution for Participation in a Regional Water Resources Coalition that will be circulated for consideration. This is concerning the issues in the Delta.

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