

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
DECEMBER 14, 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, Lowe, Bordsen, and Winchester. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the November 16, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe. 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 November and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of November. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Due to dry conditions, we ran the Collins Lake delivery system last week, at a cost of 6" of Lake elevation and 135 man hours. The current elevation is 1,157.6 ft, which is 25.4 ft. below spill. This amounts to 56.1% of storage with 27,340 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 3.0 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,167.3 ft, which is 15.7 ft below spill (71.3% or 35,270 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 1.0 cfs.

Financial Activities:

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

American Express Centurion Bank	\$20,000	36 months	1.550%
GE Money Bank	\$10,000	29 months	1.355%

Hydroelectric:

PG&E is moving forward with the development of a new Interconnection Agreement for the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse. This Agreement will need to be in place by January 23, 2012 so that we can continue to generate.

YCWA FERC Relicensing:

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) petitioned the FERC to add several studies to the existing list of studies for relicensing. One of the proposed studies includes efforts at thirty one (31) different facilities, including the BVID Yuba River diversion. While the FERC has not made a determination on the NMFS petition, the recommendation by the FERC Dispute Resolution Technical Panel is to reject this particular study.

However, the Daguerre Point Dam fish ladder and Hallwood/Cordua screen will be part of a study looking at how changes in flows in the Yuba River affect fish ladder and screen operations.

2003 Ford Explorer:

While having the transmission serviced (due to a small shifting issue) it was discovered that a transmission module is in need of replacement with a parts only cost of \$1,060. Rather than make that repair, we will be selling it to Car Max. Current mileage is 124,921.

Meetings:

Past:

- 11-17-11 I participated in a conference call with the Ag Water Management Council.
- 11-17-11 I attended the ACWA Board Member Orientation meeting and dinner in Sacramento.
- 11-18-11 I attended the ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 11-21-11 I attended the DWR Ag Water Efficiency workshop in Willows.
- 11-23-11 The Pipeline/Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met to discuss private pipeline, Pumpline Canal improvements and next steps for the proposed Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric project.
- 11-28-11 I attended the ACWA JPIA Board meeting in Anaheim.
- 11-29 thru 12-2-11 I attended the ACWA Fall Conference in Anaheim.
- 12-09-11 The personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Lowe) met to discuss wage adjustments for staff.
- 12-13-11 I attended the NCWA Water Management Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 12-13-11 I attended the NCWA Bay Delta Task Force meeting in Sacramento.
- 12-13-11 I attended the MBK Open House in Sacramento.
- 12-14-11 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the November bills and bank statements.

Future Meetings:

- 12-19-11 2012 Water Transfer workshop in Sacramento.
- 12-21-11 Yuba Regional Water Management Group meeting in Marysville.
- 01-12-12 Finance Committee meeting.

Projects:

Past:

1. Rebuilt two services on the Abel pipeline.
2. Buried the water tank overflow lines in front of the Redhill repeater station.
3. Rebuilt the frame, replaced the deck, and painted the small equipment trailer.
4. Repacked the seal on the Upper Main pump.
5. Sprayed the District yard.
6. Rip rapped the ditch bank between the heads of the Harding canal and Tennessee ditch.
7. Repaired breaks on the Stonehedge, Hill Road, Abel, and Duckels pipelines.
8. Installed a crossing at the Peverini spill on the Pumpline canal.

Future Projects:

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

5. Pipeline Committee Report:

Concerning the private pipeline across from Spring Valley Road. The Board gave direction to staff to work with the land owners (Gieselman & Kovacovich) to locate and design a pipeline project, the proposed design will be brought back to the Board for approval.

Concerning long term capital improvements to the Pumpline canal. The Board gave direction to staff to design a third barrel (pipe) to be installed at the restriction located at the old Gee (now Laughlin) property and to look at the costs and permitting required to add a new bored pipe under Highway 20 located either at the current crossing or in the saddle located east of Grant Way.

6. Hydro Committee Report: Concerning next steps for the proposed Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric project.

Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester moved to authorized Manager Cotter to proceed with requesting letters of interest from potential consultants to develop the Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric Project. All ayes, motion passed.

7. The Board will consider a request for assistance from Loma Rica Browns Valley Fire (CSD). Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to supply labor and equipment (mutual aid) for the pipe replacement and hydrant repairs at the LRBV Station 62 on Browns Valley School Rd. All ayes motion passed.

8. The Board will consider a request for membership dues from the Ag Water Management Council. No action taken.

9. The Board will consider the 2012 Rate Schedule for Collins Lake. The board discussed the 2012 rates, no action necessary. Director Lowe complimented Lincoln Young for running a great operation.

10. The Board will consider the election of NCWA Directors. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to nominate Director Winchester for the Board of Directors 2012/2013 term with NCWA. All ayes motion passed.

11. Personnel Committee Report: Concerning wage adjustments for District staff. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve a 5% salary increase for Mark Sayers effective January 1, 2012, a 5% salary increase for Donna Springsteen effective on her 6 month anniversary date of December 22, 2011 and the 3.8% COLA adjustment for the entire staff. All ayes motion passed.

12. Director's Comments and Reports: None.

13. Correspondence:

- Letter from ACWA JPIA dated 11/28/11
- Letter from Josh Horowitz (BKS) dated 12/6/11
- Memo to the Board from Manager Cotter regarding the activities at the Fall 2011 ACWA Conference dated 12/8/11
- Email from Dick Boyd regarding dams on the Yuba River dated 12-13-11
- Affidavit to PG&E regarding Virginia Ranch Dam powerhouse.

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