

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JANUARY 28, 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, Lowe and Wheeler. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Powell.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the January 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None.

**3. Discussion of 2010 Committee Assignments:** No action taken.

**4. Collins Lake Drought Update:** No action taken.

**5. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

Current elevation is 1,156.8 ft, which is 26.2 ft below spill. This amounts to 54 % of storage with 26,800 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 1.02 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,134.8 ft, which is 48.2 ft below spill (24% or 11,840 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 1.02 cfs.

**Staff Activities:**

On January 26, 2010 six crew members attended a Canal Operations workshop at Chico State College.

**2009 Audit:**

A Request for Proposal has been sent to many local CPA's in an attempt to locate a new accounting firm to perform the District audit for 2009. The due date for the proposals is next Monday and as of today, no proposals have been received.

**Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

The contract for the Proposition 50 grant funds (we are part of a group of projects compiled by NCWA) has been signed and the District will be providing all of the various documents and schedules required to administer the grant. The Prop 50 grant has 10% matching funds. Also, the Proposition 204 grant funds contract that BVID will be signing (no matching funds) is expected in the very near future.

### **2010 Water Transfer:**

Both the CVP water contractors and Metropolitan WD are out looking to purchase water for this year. They are offering a price that ranges between \$200 (CVP) and \$225 (MWD) per acre foot. The CVP offer has a \$5.00/AF adder to help cover CEQA costs by the seller.

### **California Legislative Water Package:**

This new legislation takes effect this year and includes several requirements that directly affect BVID. This list is by no means complete but includes;

- 1) Reporting requirements for Statements of Water Diversion and Use,
- 2) Preparation and implementation of an Ag Water Management Plan (AWMP) (Implementation by 7/31/12 and AWMP by 12/31/12),
- 3) Groundwater Monitoring (hopefully this will be dealt with by YCWA) (Commit to monitor by 1/01/11 and begin monitoring & reporting by 1/01/12)

### **Meetings:**

#### **Past:**

- 01-18-10 I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 01-19-10 I attended the Sacramento Valley IRWMP meeting in Willows.
- 01-19-10 I participated in the ACWA multi-region (2, 3 & 4) conference call concerning policy issues with the recently passed Water Package.
- 01-20-10 I attended the Yuba County IRWMP meeting in Marysville.
- 01-20-10 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting in Yuba City.
- 01-20-10 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA Board/Managers meeting in Yuba City.
- 01-20-10 I participated in the ACWA Region 2, Legislative Sub Committee conference call.
- 01-21-10 I attended the Member Units Groundwater Basin Committee meeting in Marysville.
- 01-21-10 The History Committee (Director Bordsen) met with Sue Cejner-Moyers to review District documents.
- 01-22-10 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 01-25-10 I attended the District 10 Groundwater Conditions meeting at YCWA.
- 01-26-10 I attended the ACWA multi-region (2, 3 & 4) Water Package Implementation Workshop in Sacramento.
- 01-27-10 I participated in the NCWA Prop 50 Kickoff meeting conference call.

#### **Future:**

- 01-30-10 Don Staas (Brophy WD) retirement dinner in Yuba City.
- 02-02-10 Brad Peterson (Valli Cooper & Associates) concerning construct management.
- 02-03-10 Ag Water Management Council conference call.

- 02-03-10 Perspectives on California Water forum in Colusa.
- 02-04-10 Gary Kienlen (MBK) concerning future Winter Water needs.
- 02-05-10 Andrew Coolidge (PR Person) to discuss the next newsletter.
- 02-11-10 NCWA Annual meeting in Yuba City.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Audited a large section of the Hill Road pipeline.
2. Cleaned the excess wood and sand from the new barn. Prepared it for concrete. We recycled the wood for use as weir boards.
3. Poured the first of three sections of concrete in the new barn (17 yards).
4. Winterized the fish screens for high water flows.
5. Compiled a list of Pumpline canal maintenance projects that we will tackle before the irrigation season.
6. Sprayed the Mahle and Finch ditches.
7. Replaced two tracks and two rollers on the KX 121 excavator.
8. Replaced one track on the KX 61 excavator.
9. Repaired the instrument pod and the hydraulic oil sight glass on the IT14B loader.
10. Began rebuilding the air compressor shed. We are raising the roof and adding ventilation to prolong the life of the new air compressor.
11. Squared up the Marcia pump power pole and are ready to add the required down guy wire.

**Future:**

1. Repair the break on the Upper Main pipeline.
2. Begin replacing the pipe at the head of the Sicard ditch.
3. Return to the Hill Road pipeline for more auditing.
4. Spray weather permitting.
5. Finish the concrete work in the new barn.

**6. 5370 Marysville Road Property:**

- Fencing alignment to expand the District yard area: Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to accept the fencing re-alignment as presented. All ayes, motion passed.
- Estimated costs to prepare the house for tenants: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to accept the estimated costs to prepare the house for tenants as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

**7. 2010 ACWA Dues:** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved send the 2010 ACWA along with a letter explaining dissatisfaction with recent decisions. All ayes, motion passed.

**8. Correspondence:**

- ACWA Outreach Advisories regarding death of Steve Hall.

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