

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the February 12, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods, all ayes, motion passed.

Public Forum: Dave Pietz inquired about how many full time/part time employees the District maintains year round. Hal Stocker inquired about the Board election process and the will serve agreement for the Spring Valley Project. No action taken.

Committee Assignments for 2009: President Winchester stated the 2009 Committee Assignments would remain as they were in 2008.

Collins Lake Drought Update: Discussion only on current conditions of the lake, no action taken.

Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,154.0 ft, which is 29.0 ft below spill. The Generator is off with releases of 1.0 cfs. This amounts to 50% of storage with 24,700 Acre Feet of usable supplies. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,163.0 ft, which is 20.0 ft below spill. The Generator was off with releases of 11.1 cfs.

This year we will be required by FERC to complete their 5-year inspection (called a Part 12D Inspection). This inspection requires services of a FERC approved consulting engineer. I have proposals coming now for that inspection.

Staff Activities:

Leroy Mossi is scheduled for a reevaluation for his shoulder in the middle of March.

Ken Hugg is recovering from hernia surgery and could be back as soon as next week.

Tony Ward, Dan Ward and Kevin Shrader attended a Defensive Driver training class in Sacramento.

Gary Miller and Cordua Water:

Gary Miller has agreed to the terms set forth in order for him to use Cordua ID water for most of his 2009 irrigation needs on his Chicken Hill Ranch property.

Meetings:**Past:**

- 02-17-09 I took a vacation day.
- 02-19-09 I met with Scott Woods (JPIA) for an inspection.
- 02-19-09 I attended a meeting in Sacramento with Ryan Bezerra (Bartkiewicz) and Gary Kienlen (MBK) to discuss water rights.
- 02-24-09 I met with Dan Higgins and Wally Bird concerning Accord Groundwater pumping.
- 02-25-09 I met with Paul Bartkiewicz in Sacramento for a conference call with Ned Spieker, Paul Minasian and John Drew to discuss Accord Groundwater pumping.
- 02-25-09 I met with Josh Horowitz in Sacramento to discuss the editing of the District Rules and Regulations.

Future Meetings:

- 03-04-09 ACWA Region 2 Legislative sub Committee Conference call.
- 03-06-09 Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan meeting at Western Canal WD in Nelson.

Projects:**Past:**

1. Rebuilt a section of the R-Line ditch at Saddleback Ranch.
2. Sprayed the grounds at the District yard.
3. Completed a list of shutoffs due to non-payment.
4. Rebuilt a crossing over a side spill on the Sicard ditch.
5. Trimmed trees and cleared the path for the Monument Trail intertie.
6. Made and installed six walkways on the Sicard ditch.
7. Removed a large (60' tall) pine tree from the bank of the Arnold ditch.
8. Completed the maintenance on truck #5.
9. Repaired one of the Districts diesel engines.

Future:

1. Rebuild another crossing over a side spill on the Sicard ditch.
2. Continue the Valley of Eagles/Monument Trail intertie conditions permitting.
3. Rebuild the DD service on the Pumpline Canal.
4. Install the new lift station at Saddleback Ranch.
5. Finish rebuilding the R-Line ditch.

Consider a distribution of the 2009 Accord “Schedule 6 groundwater pumping commitment payment”: President Winchester directed the Water Sale/Rights Committee (Wheeler & Woods) to further investigate this subject as well as directed the General Manager to research an Escrow account for the District’s share of pumping funds. No action taken.

Correspondence:

- email from JPIA regarding premium refund.
- email from Dick Boyd commenting on a variety of topics.

Closed Session: President Winchester announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to have a conference call with legal counsel regarding existing litigation. Any action taken in Closed Session would be reported when the meeting reconvened into Open Session.

Open Session: President Winchester reconvened the meeting into Open Session and reported that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, President Winchester adjourned the meeting