

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JUNE 10, 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 May 27, 2010 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. 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 May and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the financial records for the month of May. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. Pipeline Committee Report:** Tabled for further review.

**5. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

Current elevation is 1,181.2ft, which is 1.8 ft below spill. This amounts to 97% of storage with 48,250 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 460 Kw with releases of 64.3 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,168.0 ft, which is 15.0 ft below spill (72.5% or 35,900 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 385 Kw with releases of 64.6 cfs.

**Staff Activities:**

The Operations Manager has returned to duty after recovering from a work related injury.

**Financial Activities:**

A CD in the amount of \$115,951.17 matured at Sierra Central Credit Union and has been placed with Edward Jones. \$67,000 was withdrawn from the Franklin US Government Securities Fund. A CD at Edward Jones in the amount of \$20,158 matured. These funds purchased the following secondary market CD's: \$35,100 at Discover Bank for 19 months at 2.20%, \$25,900 at Sallie Mae Bank for 18 months at 1.97%, \$15,600 at GE Money Bank for 17 months at 1.82% and \$8,100 at Horizon Bank for 20 months at 1.69%, all through Edward Jones.

## **Water Transfers:**

With the recent increase in State Water Project allocations, several of the Accord buyers have reduced/removed their requests for water. Of the 71,000 AF that has been offered as groundwater substitution water, there appears to be a total of only 42-52,000 AF still requested. The amount of water that will be committed to on the June 15th due date is unknown at this time but will not be the full amount offered.

While there is always a concern about moving transfer water across the Delta, at this time, DWR is forecasting a 100,000 AF cushion of excess capacity over the total amount of possible water transfers for this year. What this means to BVID is that there should be enough capacity to complete the Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer to Santa Clara Valley Water District (assuming that nothing goes wrong).

## **PG&E/YCWA Power Purchase Negotiations:**

The negotiation process for a 2-1/2 year "bridge" agreement for the expiring 1960 (\$74,000/year) contract has begun. This agreement will run from January 2014 through April 2016. Based on some initial calculations, it appears that BVID will receive between \$400,000 and \$500,000 per year. Our consultant Dr. Lon House is doing a great job of helping the District get the best possible rate for our water. One item that needs to be provided to PG&E is the documentation of the District's Pre-1914 47.2 cfs water right. The attorneys are putting together that information.

## **Delta Issues:**

The Delta Stewardship Council is considering the outline for the interim Delta Plan and within that, the upstream limits of that plan, be it the "legal" Delta (the "I" Street Bridge) or something further upstream. Some groups have suggested that the limits should be the first upstream dam on each of the tributaries to the Delta. This process is moving very quickly and we could be negatively affected if we are not diligent.

## **Meetings:**

### **Past:**

- 06-01-10 I attended the Accord Sellers/Buyers negotiation meeting in Sacramento.
- 06-02-10 I met with Mark McEwen to discuss an upcoming parcel split and how the Heintzen ditch might be crossed with lines running from a house to the leach field.
- 06-02-10 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 06-03-10 I joined YCWA in a tour of Kingsbury Bearing in Yuba City.
- 06-04-10 I attended the Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 06-08-10 I attended the YCWA Board meeting in Marysville.
- 06-08-10 The Pipeline Committee (Directors Bordsen and Winchester) met to discuss a pipeline construction issue with Loma Rica Water Company.

- 06-08-10 Director Bordsen and I attended the PG&E/YCWA Power Purchase Agreement negotiation meeting in Marysville.
- 06-10-10 I attended the Accord Sellers/Buyers negotiation conference call in Marysville.
- 06-10-10 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the May bills.

**Future Meetings:**

- 06-11-10 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 06-11-10 Placer Water Works tour with YCWA in Olivehurst.
- 06-14-10 Meet with Eric Johnson to review survey invoices.
- 06-15-10 NCWA Delta meeting in Sacramento.
- 06-16-10 Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 06-18-10 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Paradise.
- 06-23-10 NCWA Water Forum in Yuba City.
- 06-23-10 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Installed a temporary booster pump at the Marcia pump while the permanent pump is being rebuilt.
2. Cleaned portions of the Thousand Trails Ditch below the head of the McDrip pipeline.
3. Repaired a major pipeline break on the Hill Road pipeline (including the cleanup of a homeowner's yard, driveway and garage). Repaired a break on the lower end of the Bald Mountain pipeline, a break on the Wolf Trail pipeline, and fixed a break on the Mahle pipeline.
4. Flushed a service out on the Arnold ditch with a ditch pump.
5. Rebuilt a service on the Sicard Ditch and plugged several leaks.
6. Completed several change orders per Carey.
7. Unexpected high flows in the Yuba River topped the deck at the fish screens which caused the brushes to fail. We are still waiting for reduced water levels so we can reinstall the electrical limit switch.

**Future:**

1. Spray the District yard weather permitting.

2. Finish the concrete work in the new barn.
3. Fabricate the head works for the Ellis pipeline.
4. Repair a leak on the Hill Road pipeline.

**6. Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer:** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester moved to accept the *Agreement for Temporary Storage of Transfer Water Between YCWA and BVID*. All ayes, motion passed.

**7. Bare Ground Assessments:** Tabled.

**8. Director's Comments and Reports:** None.

**9. Correspondence:** None.

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