

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

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

Minutes: The Minutes of the August 28, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen, all ayes, motion passed.

Public Forum: No action taken.

- o Robert Brown (12700 Mendosa) addressed the Board regarding clarifying the billing practice, “miner’s inches” vs. “share”, potential grants, commend new website.
- o Lothar Klug (12433 Lambert) addressed the Board regarding pressure at Loop Road, Yuba River and requesting more pipeline projects.
- o Jim Carlson (11419 Shadow Lane) addressed the Board regarding forming a volunteer group to help maintain ditches and piping the Landerman Ditch.

Finance Committee Report: Directors Wheeler & Winchester reported that they had reviewed the August financial records and found them to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the August financial records. All ayes, motion passed.

Collins Lake Drought Update: No action taken.

Manager’s Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,133.5 ft, which is 49.5 ft below spill. The Generator is running at 400 Kw with releases of 105.6 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,139.5 ft, which is 43.5 ft below spill. The Generator was running at 400 Kw with releases of 96.6 cfs.

Conserved Water Transfer:

The release of 3,100 AF of Conserved Yuba River water to Santa Clara Valley WD started yesterday and is scheduled to continue until September 26th at a rate of flow of 100 cfs.

2009 State Water Bank:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced that they will be forming a Water Bank for 2009. No terms have been announced yet but DWR is looking for commitments by the middle of October.

Delta Issues:

ACWA has filed comments on the Delta Vision Draft Strategic Plan, which will soon be followed by comments from NCWA. Also, the Pacific Institute has published a report that “explains” how to farm using less water.

Public Relations:

The Ad Hoc Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) interviewed and received proposals from three local PR firms. The successful firm will be able to assist the District in its outreach to the water users.

Saddleback Lift Pump:

Ned Spieker has provided an email (via ranch manger John Drew) that detail the terms by which he is willing to allow a permanent lift station to move water from the Pumpline canal to the upper bench of rice ground.

Meetings:

Past:

- 08-29-08 Tony Ward and I met with Steve Campbell (Yuba County Public Works) to discuss the locations of the BVID infrastructure located near the planned widening project on Marysville Road at Spring Valley Road.
- 09-05-08 I provided a tour of the Redhill East pump system to a few of that system’s water users.
- 09-10-08 I attended the Yuba County Regional Wastewater Treatment Multi-Jurisdictional Workshop in Marysville.
- 09-11-08 The Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) met to review the August bills.
- 09-11-08 The Personnel Committee (Directors Bordsen and Woods) met to discuss possible step raises for two crew members.

Future Meetings

09-12 to 19-08 I will be on vacation.

Projects:

Past:

1. Sent the Heintzen pump back to the vendor. We are finished with it.
2. Had a safety meeting on September 8th on the topics drinking and driving and hot weather exposure.
3. Mechanically cleaned most of the Lower Main ditch as well as the South ditch off of the Pumpline Canal.
4. Spot sprayed weeds on the Lower Main ditch.
5. Repaired a break on each of the Dry Creek extension, Palmer pipeline and upper Redhill East pipeline.
6. Repaired a flume on the Thousand Trails ditch.

7. Rebuilt a service on the Mahle pipeline.
8. Replaced the air brake compressor on the GMC dump truck.
9. Built and installed a new platform at the head of the Prairie Creek siphon located on Valley View drive.

Future:

1. Continue spot spraying the right of ways heat and wind permitting.
2. Police the District for over users and chase water up ravines.
3. Repair the leak at the head of the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline.

Correspondence:

- o Letters to and from Gloria Forsythe regarding debris.
- o Email from Curt regarding refund of Ground Water Substitution Payment.
- o Email from John Drew regarding lift station.

Closed Session: President Winchester announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to have a conference call with legal counsel regarding existing litigation and to consider step advancements for 2 employees. 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 Troy Rhoades and Ken Hugg were promoted to Utility Worker II, Step 4, retroactive to their anniversary date.

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