

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 September 11, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods, all ayes, motion passed.

Public Forum: No action taken. Members from the District addressed the Board with questions regarding:

- o Projected end date for summer Irrigation Season.
- o Notices to users at end of season.
- o Monitoring of water abusers.

Collins Lake Drought Update: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to remain on the current water schedule and at next Regular Board Meeting further discuss and decide whether or not to switch to a winter water schedule. All ayes, motion passed.

Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,130.5 ft, which is 52.5 ft below spill. The Generator is running at 355 Kw with releases of 99 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,135.1 ft, which is 47.9 ft below spill. The Generator was running at 300 Kw with releases of 78.9 cfs.

Training:

Mark Sayers is attending a Microsoft "Access" class at Butte College on Saturdays. This eight week class will move us one step closer to an actual data base for the District.

Conserved Water Transfer:

The release of 3,100 AF of Conserved Yuba River water to Santa Clara Valley WD will be completed in the next 24 hours. We have received the first payment of \$31,000 and will be invoicing for the transfer itself. We have not heard anything from the Butte Environmental Council since we filed the Notice of Determination.

John Deere Excavator:

We took delivery today of the new John Deere 160D excavator. It included a ditch cleaning bucket, 36", 24" and 18" buckets as well as a single toothed ripper shank. We will be selling the 1989 Cat 211 excavator soon.

Water Bond:

The State Water Bond is officially a dead issue. This is a good news bad news situation in that even though the northern California water rights holders are no longer at risk, new water infrastructure that is desperately needed will not be built. Hopefully, a future bond will include both protection for existing water rights and construction of actual facilities.

Peoria Pipeline:

The easements have been secured and the crew has moved in to begin this pipeline project. An above ground steel pipe has been fabricated to cross the creek near the road and is in accordance with the wishes of Fish and Game.

Meetings:

Past:

- 09-12-08 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting at YCWA.
- 09-12-08 to 09-19-08 I was on vacation.
- 08-16-08 Director Winchester attended the YCWA Member Unit meeting in Marysville.
- 09-17-08 Mark observed the webcast of the 2009 State Water Bank Briefing.
- 09-18-08 Tony met with PG&E to trouble shoot a low voltage problem at the powerhouse.
- 09-24-08 Director Winchester and I attended the Delta Vision panel discussion at the California State Food and Ag Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 09-24-08 Director Winchester and I met with Paul Bartkiewicz to discuss a response letter to Saddleback Ranch concerning the proposed lift station.
- 09-24-08 Tony met with Ken Godleski of the Yuba County Public Works engineering department to go over the Fruitland Road turn lane improvement.

Future Meetings

- 09-25-08 Yuba LAFCO meeting with special districts (at 7:00).
- 09-29-08 FERC inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam.
- 10-02-08 NCWA annual golf tournament in Sacramento.
- 10-03-08 NCWA Managers meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 10-07-08 YCWA inspection of the BVID and Staudenraus well conversions.
- 10-08-08 ACWA Region 2 Fall Tour in the Richvale area.

Projects:

Past:

1. Audited the Valley of the Eagles and Monument Trail pipelines.
2. Replaced a ditch service on the Heintzen ditch.
3. Repaired a break on the McDrip pipeline.
4. Replaced the weed rack, four walkways and the submerged orifice at the head of the Ellis ditch.
5. Mechanically cleaned Lower Main ditch, a section of the Pumpline canal (North ditch) and a section of the BV Main from the Lion's Club to the siphon on Spring Valley road.
6. Cut back brush on the Pumpline Canal.
7. Rip rapped behind the well house at the District yard.
8. Performed maintenance on trucks 7 & 8.
9. Repaired the a/c on the KX 121 excavator.
10. Replaced the Pintel hitch on the large equipment trailer.
11. Replaced the packing in the Upper Main pump and tightened all of the packing in the other valves.
12. Marcia and Bonanza pumps both failed to come on the week of 9/22/08. Reset the Marcia time clock and primed the Bonanza pump to get them running.
13. Transferred diesel from the Heintzen pump site to the Saddleback pump site so we could relocate the fuel tank and containment.

Future:

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

Agreement for Public Relations Consultant: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve Andrew Coolidge as the District Public Relations Consultant as proposed.

Piping Upper Portion of Landerman Ditch: Item was referred to Pipeline Committee, no action taken.

Correspondence:

- o 9/16/08 email from Attorney Bartkiewicz regarding Delta Vision & related issues.
- o Letter to Ken Hugg & Troy Rhoades regarding their advancement.
- o Email from Lincoln Young regarding drought efforts.
- o 9/16/08 memo from attorney Bartkiewicz regarding Delta Vision.
- o Memo from NCWA regarding new Executive Director.

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 no action was taken.

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