

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 8, 2009**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the September 24, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Gary Miller addressed the Board regarding the possibility of moving to the Cordua Water District. No action taken.

**3. Finance Committee Report:** Directors Wheeler and Winchester reported that they had reviewed the September financial records and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the September financial report. All ayes, motion passed.

Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to approve the 2009 Contingent Purchases based on the Board's discussions. All ayes, motion passed.

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

**5. Manager's Report:**

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,138.7 ft, which is 44.3 ft below spill. This amounts to 28% of storage with 14,100 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 235 Kw with releases of 62.7 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,128.6 ft, which is 54.4 ft below spill (17% or 8,500 Acre Feet). The Generator was off with releases of 12.2 cfs.

The Rain Gage at Collins Lake will be serviced (and zeroed for the beginning of the water season) on 10-09-09.

Staff Activities:

Your General Manager has been reelected to the ACWA Region 2 Board, a two year term.

Randy Hurlbut will be reevaluated next week for the status of his back (from the August 4<sup>th</sup> workers comp. injury).

Due to vacations, comp time, sick leave and workers comp, the District lost 268 man hours (6.7 man weeks) of crew time since the last Board meeting. The crew totals 8 people.

### Long Term Conserved Water EIR:

Edaw (environmental consultant) is incorporating the updates and edits to the draft of this CEQA document and it is expected to be out for a 45 day public review before the next Board meeting. This will place the end of the comment period during the first week of December.

### Property Taxes:

Due to the ongoing increased level of activity concerning water issues at the State Capital, Paul Bartkiewicz has handed the property tax question to Josh Horowitz. Josh has also been tasked to determine the beginning and ending dates of the upcoming funding gap so that proper cash flow planning can be done.

### Wharf Valves on Cross Star Trail:

One of the landowners on Cross Star Trail has informed the District that this road (and Pony Express Trail) is private roads and are not accessible by the public. The issue is that water trucks (with permits from BVID) are trespassing on this road to access one of the Wharf Valves and the landowner wants the trespassing stopped and also wants the three Wharf Valves located on these roads removed from the District maps.

### Peoria Pipeline:

Continued work on Phase 2 of the Peoria pipeline. Hardie Ranch area clean up completed to include chipping the brush. Also cleared and chipped brush ahead of the excavator. The excavator operator is on vacation half of last week and all this week. Last week 360' of pipe was installed for a total of 7,465' installed so far.

### Meetings:

#### **Past:**

- 09-29-09 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 10-01-09 I attended a Delta Legislation pre meeting with BKS clients in Sacramento.
- 10-01-09 I attended the Upstream Coalition (Delta Legislation) meeting in Sacramento.
- 10-02-09 I attended a NCWA 2010 Water Transfer Issues meeting in Willows.
- 10-05-09 Director Winchester and I met with Andrew Coolidge (Public Relations) to edit the forthcoming newsletter.
- 10-06-09 The Contingent Purchases Ad Hoc Committee (Directors Winchester and Woods) met to discuss equipment purchases.
- 10-07-09 I attended the Draft Conserved Water EIR editing meeting in Sacramento.
- 10-08-09 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the September bills and discuss office Contingent Purchases.

#### **Future:**

- 10-13-09 Draft Conserved Water EIR meeting here.
- 10-14-09 Member Unit meeting in Marysville.

- 10-14-09 Yuba County IRWMP meeting in Marysville.
- 10-14-09 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 10-15-09 YCWA Golden Anniversary Open House.
- 10-19-09 Sacramento Valley IRWMP meeting in Willows.
- 10-21-09 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Subcommittee conference call.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Audited the Redhill West pipeline.
2. Repaired a break on the on the Peoria main line where an 18” angle failed at the edge of the road on Saenger Trail. Repaired the 15” Club Cazadero pipeline where PG&E augered through it. Repaired the Redhill East pipeline where a service broke off the main line.
3. Ken Hugg, Randy Westerman, Dan Ward and Tony Ward attended a pesticide training class in Sacramento.
4. BIT inspection completed on the dump truck.
5. Repaired the brakes on the small equipment trailer, repaired an overheating problem on truck #5, and replaced a cracked windshield on truck #10.
6. Two DOT employees were drug tested.

**Future:**

1. Continue the Peoria Pipeline Phase 2.
2. Returning to the Hill Road pipeline for more auditing.

**6. Concession Committee Report:** Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the proposed improvements to the Horseshoe Loop Group Camp area as presented by Collins Lake. All ayes, motion passed.

**7. Correspondence:**

- o Email to ACWA in support of Paul Bartkiewicz’s nomination for ACWA Emissary Award.
- o Letter by Upstream Coalition regarding its position on Water Bill Package.
- o Memo from Ag Water Management Council regarding corrected invoice.
- o Letter from Ned Spieker to Gary Miller regarding electric pump agreement.

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