

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 9, 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. Director Woods was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Powell.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the September 25, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe, all ayes, motion passed.

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

- o President Winchester initiated a discussion with Public regarding District's conservation efforts and how to improve future efforts.

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

**Collins Lake Drought Update:** After discussion by Board and Public, Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to:

- o Declare the 2008 Irrigation Season complete as of 10-9-08. All future water deliveries would be considered fall water and subject to interruption without notice due to rain.
- o The current 3-day rationing schedule would continue as planned through 10-12-08. There would be no water delivery 10-13-08 through 10-19-08. Water would again be delivered 10-24-08 through 10-26-08.
- o At the 10-23-08 Regular Board Meeting the Board will consider further changes to the schedule and may end all deliveries beyond 10-26-08.
- o There will be no winter/stock water delivery until the lake recovers sufficiently as determined by the Board.

All ayes, motion passed.

**Manager's Report:**

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,128.4 ft, which is 54.6 ft below spill. The Generator is running at 325 Kw with releases of 91.2 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,132.6 ft, which is 50.4 ft below spill. The Generator was running at 230 Kw with releases of 66.4 cfs. Also, the 2007 irrigation season ended the next day with the lake 50.5 ft below spill.

#### Staff Activities:

Randy Westerman is on Family Care and Medical Leave for his family. He is expected to return sometime after October 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### FERC/Hydro:

There are three engineering actions that need to be completed prior to the next FERC Part 12 D inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam (during 2009). These inspections are seismic studies of both the penstock and the hydraulic lines for the valve at the head of the penstock and an analysis of the air vent on the penstock. The concern is that the penstock is not strapped down to the support saddles and the hydraulic lines are all hard lines with no flexible sections or connections and that the air vent may not have enough capacity.

#### Yuba LAFCO:

Yuba LAFCO is actively pursuing the filling of the 2 Commission seats that are reserved for special districts. In order to fill those seats 51% of the 32 special districts in the County need to approve a resolution requesting inclusion on the Commission. The burden that comes with sitting on the Commission is a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> share of the LAFCO budget (\$161,463). BVID's share for 2008 would have been \$3,178 and is based on revenues reported to the State Controller's Office (YCWA's share - \$21,372).

#### ACWA/Health Benefits:

ACWA will be restructuring the health insurance rating structure beginning January 1, 2009. If we take no action, we will be placed into the Standard rating but may qualify for the Incentive rating with a 3% savings. In order to take advantage of the price savings in January, we will need to apply by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### 2009 Water Bank:

There is a possibility for BVID to participate in DWR's 2009 Water Bank (if Collins Lake fills). In discussions with DWR, there is an understanding that if we did express an interest, it will be conditioned on there being enough water for in District needs. There are currently no terms in place for this transfer.

#### East Side of Collins Lake:

After a tour of the dozer road and a meeting with the GIS/Planner (Mark Sayers), attorney Josh Horowitz has requested a "chain-of-title report" for 8 of the parcels that appear to have been one parcel at one time. This report will assist Josh in his analysis of the issue.

#### Peoria Pipeline:

This has been a challenging pipeline in that the pipeline is running through yards as well as brushy areas and has required the use of the smaller excavators. We have also strived to retain as many oak trees as possible (per the various landowners' requests). We are doing the brush removal in-house and are about 2/3's complete

with that task. Poison Oak has been an issue for some of the crew but we are working through that. We have installed 1,630' of pipe to date.

#### Meetings:

##### **Past:**

- 09-25-08 I attended the Yuba LAFCO meeting with special districts at the Yuba County Government Center.
- 09-29-08 Tony Ward and I met with John Wiegel (FERC) for the inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam.
- 09-30-08 Director Bordsen, Mark Sayers, Attorney Josh Horowitz and I toured the dozer road on the east side of Collins Lake.
- 10-01-08 I attended the LAFCO Commission meeting in Marysville.
- 10-02-08 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA golf tournament in Sacramento.
- 10-03-08 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA managers meeting at Western Canal WD.
- 10-07-08 I met with Scott Matyac (YCWA) to inspect the diesel to electric conversions at the BVID well and 2 of the Staudenraus wells.
- 10-08-08 The ACWA Region 2 Fall Tour was canceled due to lack of participation.
- 10-08-08 I met with Andrew Coolidge (Public Relations) to discuss outreach to the District members.
- 10-09-08 I participated in the conference call with ACWA concerning the health insurance rate restructuring.

##### **Future:**

- 10-10-08 2009 Drought Water Bank meeting at Glenn Colusa ID.
- 10-15-08 YCWA member unit meeting in Marysville.
- 10-15-08 ACWA Web Class concerning Electronic Litigation.
- 10-16-08 Browns Valley Business Watch meeting at Sun West Real Estate.
- 10-23-08 YCWA POD Committee meeting concerning transfer priorities in Marysville.

#### Projects:

##### **Past:**

1. Completed the BIT inspection for the dump truck and the large equipment trailer.
2. Mechanically cleaned a large section of the Pumpline Canal.
3. Repaired a break on the McDrip pipeline.
4. Sprayed a section of the West ditch off of the Pumpline Canal.
5. Cleaned the equipment at the powerhouse.

##### **Future:**

1. Continue spot spraying the right of ways wind permitting.
2. Work on Phase 1 extension of the Peoria pipeline.
3. Continue mechanically cleaning the Pumpline Canal.

**Correspondence:**

- Letter to Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force regarding Business Water Caucus Comments on Fourth Draft Strategic Plan.

**Closed Session:** Item cancelled.

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