

Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District
Thursday, May 6, 2021
6:00pm – 7:45pm
Zoom Meeting
Quarterly Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Dave Neal called the meeting to order. PVID board and staff present were Dave Neal, Meade Martin, Rob Heineman, Thomas Dominguez and Kathy Martinez. Parciantes present were Jeff Grundmann, Luis Aquirre, Denise Hearst, Jen Watkins, Carlos & Annette Ortiz, Nina Yozell-Epstein, Gillis Lang, Julia Takahashi, Willa Mullen, Pete Archuleta, Johnny Apodaca, Aaron & Veronica Brick, Diana Roembach, Greg Corning, Aik-Siong Koh, and Anne Martinez.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Change made to add to New Business: b. Proposed pay raise for office staff. Agenda approved.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: The April 7 Special Meeting minutes were approved.

4. Water Report:

A. Dam Release: Rob Heineman gave the water report. The first release is going well. Lower ditches got 210 cfs and the upper ditches started watering on Wednesday. Alfredo Roybal helped Rob with getting the water to the lower ditches. What usually takes 6 hours, took 11 because the riverbed was so dry. One of the valves in the dam for the release is broken and Tom had open it by hand. This valve needs to be fixed. The dam also needs new gauges in the gallery. PVID needs to talk to BOR about replacing these gauges so the release will be more accurate.

B. Next Water Schedule: PVID only has 1000cfs for the year. This release will use 420cfs. There will be enough for one more release. Discussion was the beginning of June. The board would like to have a special meeting prior to that date to determine the exact dates. There will only be a third release if there is rain, and the lake gets replenished.

C. Ditch Rider: There was discussion about hiring a ditch rider. Rob had no idea that getting the water down the river was so important and time consuming. The commissioners have been working on an advertisement for the position. They do not think we will have one in place for the rest of the season. Hopefully for next season. It was suggested instead of hiring an individual, we should put it out for bid since it is only a seasonal position. Jen Watkins volunteered to look over the ditch rider job advertisement to get it ready to put in the paper.

5. Treasures Report: Kathy screened shared the Profit & Loss Statement. PVID will need to submit a budget resolution to the State Department of Finance and Administration before the end of July and the submittal of the 2021-2022 budget. This is because both the income and expenses have exceeded the amounts that were in the budget. The income overage is a result of the office staff's success of bringing in more than \$42,000 of past dues and fines. The overage on expenses is due to the legal fees that PVID is paying to get the Memo of Acceptance rewritten to agree with the Aamodt Water Settlement.

6. New Business:

A. Pending Legal: PVID is still facing more legal fees due to the Memo of Acceptance. PVID also had to hire another legal office to represent PVID in a lawsuit brought against us by a parciante. The issue was settled and the parciante paid the dues, fines and legal fees.

B. Proposed pay raise for office staff: Dave Neal stated that Kathy is being paid much lower than average pay for her work. Rob moved PVID gives both Kathy and Lynette a \$2/hr. raise. Meade second. It passed. There

was a discussion about the office being open only four days a week. There were no objections from the participants. Dave said the board will get together with the staff to discuss the schedule.

7. Old Business:

A: Status of MOA with BOR and Nambe, Pojoaque, and San Ildefonso Pueblos: The main issue with the Memo of Acceptance is getting the right amounts of water stated in the document that PVID is required to deliver to each of the Pueblos and ditches. The amount of water for each customer is being adjusted based on the Aamodt Water Settlement. It will be a legally binding document that will help PVID, especially when there is not enough water to deliver during droughts. Once the MOA is finished all entities will need to sign it. The legal team is close to finishing the MOA.

8. Public Comments: It was mentioned that a pipe should be put in place to deliver the water to the lower ditches. There would not be so much water loss and the release would not take six hours to get to the lower ditches. Julia Takahashi and Jeff Grundman agreed to be part of an ad hoc committee to study the feasibility of funding and construction if a pipeline to carry release water.

9. Adjournment: Meade moved we adjourn at 7:30. Rob second.

Signed and approved on this 6th day of July, 2021 by a Motion of the Board of Directors

Dave Neal/Board Chair

Meade Martin/Board Vice-Chair

Rob Heineman/Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED