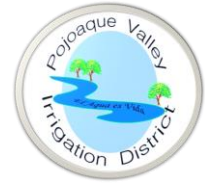




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Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District (PVID)

July 6, 2021 Quarterly Meeting

6:00PM to 8:00PM

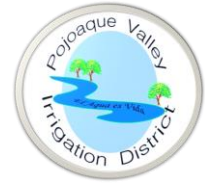
Via Zoom

Minutes - Draft

1. **Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Neal at 6:03 PM via Zoom
2. **Quorum:** Present at the meeting were Dave Neal, Meade Martin and Rob Heineman, directors and the following individuals: Nadama Novak-Nueva, Virginia-Secretary-Las Joyas, Curtis Thompsen-Nueva, John Gutting, Dan Roper, anne Martinez, Cgoss, Chris Sheehan, Gary Davis
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** **MOTION TO APPROVE** – Meade Martin, **SECOND** – Rob Heineman. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Disposition of Previous Minutes:**
 - a. May 6, 2021 Special Meeting: **MOTION TO APPROVE** – Meade Martin, **SECOND** – Rob Heineman. **MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **Financial Report:** Treasurer Rob Heineman reported that our fiscal year end concluded June 30 and Kathy Martinez was out of the office until July 12th at which time we would close the books and draft the next year's budget. We will provide a full financial report at the special meeting to approve the budget at the end of the month. Rob reported that several of the major costs for next year for the operation of the dam have been received and plugged into the budget.
6. **Dam Release Report:** Rob reported that the analysis of the June 11-20 release showed improvement in the scheduled versus delivered water volume to the various acequias. We added a day to the end of the schedule to deliver water to Nueva and Comunidad to correct a shortfall for them that was made evident during the May 1 release. As a result, Nueva received an adequate amount of water, but Comunidad still only received 75% of their scheduled amount. We will attempt to correct that deficiency on the next run. El Rancho ditch did not open up during the release due to construction activity on the acequia. Indios received a slightly larger diversion volume than scheduled and several acre-feet of water went past the bridge due to a miscommunication. That issue



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has been corrected and should not be an issue in the future. Rob made mention that the release analysis is a tool used by the district to understand the flow and amount of water we are releasing, and where it is going, including conveyance losses. The tool is not being used to "track" water to individual members or acequias, and an "over diversion" by a given acequia should not necessarily be of concern. Release numbers were shared. Also, Rob reported that the dam currently holds 283 acre-feet of remaining PVID storage. As we use around 400 AF per 8 day release, we will need additional rainfall in the mountains in order to increase our storage amount to supply a full future release. Should we not receive additional storage, we will be limited to a 6 day release in the future, and not before July 16th. The BOR storage calculation spreadsheet was presented and commented on. Clarification: Rob reported that PVID shares 60% of the +/-1030 AF for available storage. The actual storage and usage to date:

Active Storage Capacity: 1730 AF

PVID Share (60%): 1039 AF

Storage Used per BOR:

May 1-9 (331 AF)

June 11-20 (385 AF)

Losses (39 AF)

Remaining Storage 6-21-21 284 AF

7. Old Business:

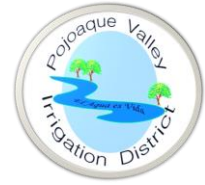
- a. Ongoing negotiations regarding the Amendment No. 2 to the BoR contract and a MOA with the BoR and the pueblos: Dave presented current status of the negotiation.

8. New Business:

- a. PVID membership to the San Juan Chama Project Contractors Association: Dave outlined the benefits to becoming members of the association for a fee of \$500 per year, including receiving an asset management plan for the dam, access to information available on funding, maintenance and other issues concerning operation of the dam. **MOTION TO APPROVE** – Rob Heineman, **SECOND** – Meade Martin. **MOTION CARRIED.**



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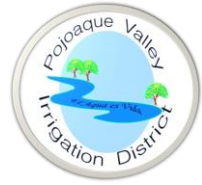
- b. 'Discussion and Possible Action on a budget adjustment for Counsel to evaluate the regulatory and judicial issues relating to Rio Nambe water sharing in the amount of \$65,000. Dave presented the ongoing issue of the administration of the Aamodt Settlement by the Office of the State Engineer (OSE), and our request for them to understand and administer Pueblo rights in the basin. Currently, the water diverted by Nambe Pueblo appears to be in excess of rights granted them in the Aamodt Settlement, but language in the Standard Operating Procedures for the Dam as published by the B.O.R. (of which we are under contract to follow) provides for an Up To 10 CFS of bypass water for the benefit of the Pueblos. The Aamodt Settlement makes no mention of the bypass water right, and rough calculations indicate that the amount of water bypassed to Nambe Pueblo this season exceeds the First Priority water right granted the Pueblo in Aamodt. Meade Martin pointed out that it is important to note that the Pueblos have an aboriginal claim to their water and that the claim may be symbolic and sacred to them. Maybe there is a middle ground that could be negotiated with the Pueblos to reduce the 10 CFS amount. The short of it is the board is discussing its options with counsel and is still in active discussion with the OSE and the BOR to sort it out. There was no motion made.
- c. Officers and Directors Insurance Policy: Rob reported that there is no policy in place currently and that we will start researching the issue.
- d. Proposed Budget FY2022: The proposed budget will be presented at a special meeting at the end of the month.

9. Public Comment:

- a. Virginia asked if future meetings will be held in person. Dave advised that they would be held at the PVID office in the near future.
- b. Gary Davis asked about use of the river water during times when a release is not scheduled. Rob advised that small amounts of water flowing in the river should be shared by all acequias and that it would really add to our community if the Mayordomo's could sort it out on their own.
- c. Dan Roper asked what the scenario for a future release this year might be and does the water carry over year to year? Rob advised that we did not have enough stored water for a full 8 day release without additional rainfall. There is no carryover of previous year's water as the storage amounts reset on January 1st and generally the dam spills prior to the irrigation season, which resets storage at the full 1039 AF.
- d. Chris Sheehan asked about the enforcement end of any resolution with the OSE. Dave responded that the Aamodt Settlement was a federal decision and applies to all. We would expect the OSE to follow the terms of the settlement. Meade



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amplified Dave's remarks and was hopeful that negotiations would prevail and that we could stay out of the courtroom.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Heineman

PVID Secretary/Treasurer

These minutes were at a Board Meeting held on July 27, 2021.

