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# **Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District (PVID)**

## **April 21, 2022 Quarterly Meeting**

### **6:00PM to 8:30PM**

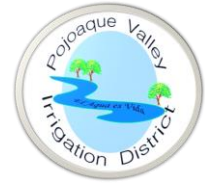
### **Via Zoom**

### **Minutes**

1. **Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Neal at 6:01 PM via Zoom
2. **Recognition of Quorum:** Present at the meeting were Dave Neal, Meade Martin and Rob Heineman, directors constituting a quorum, and the following individuals who signed in via chat: Laurie Wong, Nadama Novak, Danny Roybal, Paula Diehl, Scott DeMuth, Leondro Rivera, Luis Aguirre, Tomas Stockton, Rob Salazar, Kim Sheehan, Chris Sheehan, Kyle Harwood, Mike Hamman
3. **Approval of the Agenda: MOTION TO APPROVE** – Rob , **SECOND** – Meade.
4. **Disposition of Previous Minutes:**
  - a. Minutes of the January 13, 2022 Quarterly Meeting
  - b. Minutes of the February 28, 2022 Special Meeting and Executive Session
  - c. **MOTIONS TO APPROVE** – Meade , **SECOND** – Rob .
5. **Chairman’s Report – Dave Neal:**
  - a. Introduction of Will McCoy, Ralph Manzanares
  - b. Emergency Action Plan Table Top Virtual Exercise – March 30, 2022 – PVID board and dam tenders participated. We understand our roles and responsibilities when there is an emergency at the dam requiring our participation.
6. **Financial Report – Rob Heineman:**
  - a. Financial Report for March 31, 2020 and the 9 months ended.
  - b. Presentation by Mike Hamman – Mike shared his experience as the newly appointed State Engineer. He has reached out to the Pueblo of Nambe to discuss a rotational schedule for the upcoming irrigation season. Questions: Kyle Harwood: What is the work effort to date? Mike: Settlement implementation is ongoing and we are looking at actual water demands of irrigators. Rob Salazar: Can you educate us on any potential over diversions that are taking place on the river? Mike: Discussed field delivery requirements for various crops in different areas of the state as well as farm gate and ditch headgate delivery amounts. Jen



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Watkins: What is the role of the OSE for monitoring and managing the distribution of water this season? Mike: We are responsible for the distribution of water per the settlement agreement but can also modify the distribution when agreed to by all parties. PVID is in charge of the daily operation of the dam and to make releases and schedules for the benefit of all parties. Jen: Will this operating agreement be in place this year? Mike: Yes, but available water will be a factor and precipitation estimates are not great. Jen: Would a water sharing agreement run over multiple years? Mike: It would be up to the parties to decide on a term. Kim Sheehan: Could we get a statement from the OSE/PVID as to actual decisions made with respect to water sharing? Mike: OSE will have to analyze actual acreages and irrigation requirements based on acreages under cultivation in order to come up with a reasonable schedule so that each ditch gets equitable amount of water supply. Mike is going to talk with the BIA to expedite the BIA payment. Kim Sheehan: TBI forms are cumbersome, and it is hard to be accurate in filling the forms out. Could we get instruction or a meeting to discuss TBI forms and their use? Mike thanked the board for allowing him to participate in the discussion.

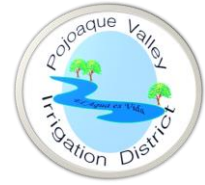
- c. Legal Expenses – our legal expenses have exceeded our budget by some \$50,000. We are working with the attorney to stretch the payable into next year's budget.
- d. BIA Invoices – We are working with the BIA to get the current receivable from them paid in this fiscal year. They are chronically in arrears at least 365 days.
- e. Non Registered Irrigators – we are working through all irrigator's records to get all properties with water rights in our system and current with their assessments.

#### **7. Dam Tender Report - Will McCoy**

- a. Weather reports are current and read every three days, located survey monuments and repainted, greased and operated gate valves, getting pricing on new door locks and deadbolts, completed quarterly reports, and the reservoir is full.
- b. Replaced 1970's era fire extinguishers
- c. Replaced failed and missing lightbulbs in stairwell and gallery with LED bulbs
- d. Quarterly inspection reports submitted
- e. Dam Tender Training
- f. Questions; Rob Salazar, what is the status of dam spillage and is that water going to be apportioned among the acequias. Rob Heineman: all available spillage is being diverted by the Highline. Salazar: Isn't Nambe Pueblo only entitled to 3.33 CFS of natural flow? Rob Heineman: The BOR line is that all Pueblos may share in



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up to 10 CFS of natural flow, and the OSE may not curtail their usage until they reach their first-priority limits.

**8. Dam Release Report – Rob Heineman:**

- a. Dam spilled on March 13, 2022
- b. Current flow rate
- c. April/May release schedule – Rob presented the schedule and discussed its development. Questions: Scott DeMuth brought up the Rincon TBI and the interaction with Pojoaque Pueblo. Rob will get with Scott to work those numbers off line. Jen Watkins advised that the BOR has regraded the area of the San I infiltration gallery and that we may experience the same issue with non compaction of the riverbed. Rob to check it out.

**9. Old Business:**

- a. Ongoing negotiations regarding the Amendment No. 2 to the BoR contract and a MOA with the BoR and the pueblos: Dave: No change in status currently.
- b. Ongoing negotiations with the Office of the State Engineer – still ongoing.
- c. Review of 2015 Draft Rules and Regulations – Subcommittee Interest email – Rob:
- d. Funding and Grants Sub-Committee – Subcommittee Interest email – Meade: Looking for volunteers to put a sub committee together to chase federal and state funding.
- e. Website: [www.pvidnm.org](http://www.pvidnm.org) – It's up and running and agendas and meeting minutes will be posted on the site.
- f. Nambe Falls Dam Comprehensive Review: Work Orders need to be issued for the following repairs at the dam:
  - i. Failed coating and corrosion damage on base plate of support for jet-flow gate #3 – around \$1,500
  - ii. 2022 Embankment Point Survey: every 6 years – around \$4,500
  - iii. Institute a vegetation removal program to remove deep-rooted and bushy vegetation from the faces, crest, groins and a 25 foot wide clearance zone surrounding the footprint of the dam. – around \$4,000
  - iv. Remove the large amount of woody debris on and around the outlet works intake structure and the floating debris found in the forbay area. – around \$30,000
  - v. Spillway Grouting – around \$15,000
  - vi. Rekey entrance locks and repaint metal doors – around \$1,800
  - vii. Total maintenance requirement: \$56,800

**10. New Business:**



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- a. None

**11. Public Comment:**

- a. Laurie Wong: Can you explain the Saturday meeting? Rob: it is for Mayordomos and commissioners to discuss schedule and general parciantes are encouraged not to attend.
- b. Rob explained his vision of the operations this season and the constraints imposed by SJCP accounting.
- c. Chris Sheehan: Thanks for getting Mike on the call.

**12. Adjournment:**

- a. **8:05 PM - MOTION TO APPROVE** Meade – , **SECOND** – Rob .

**13. Approval:** these minutes were approved by a motion of the Board of Directors at a meeting held on June 15, 2022.