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Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District (PVID)
October 06, 2022 Quarterly Meeting
6:00PM to 8:30PM
Pojoaque Schools Board Room
14 Elk Trail Rd.

Minutes

1. **Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Neal at 6:05PM.
2. **Recognition of Quorum:** Present at the meeting were Dave Neal, Meade Martin and Rob Heineman, directors constituting a quorum, and the following individuals: John Gutting, Scott DeMuth, Lance Lewis, Anthony R. Garcia, Robert Griego, Celestino R. Quintana, Walter and Maxine Grant, Curtis Thomson, Thaddeus Kostrubala, Ralph Manzanares, Will McCoy.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Item 12.b. was added – Generator Maintenance Contract.
MOTION TO APPROVE – Rob, SECOND – Meade. MOTION PASSED.
4. **Disposition of Previous Minutes:**
 - a. Minutes of the July 12, 2022 Special Meeting
 - i. **MOTION TO APPROVE – Meade, SECOND – Rob, MOTION PASSED.**
5. **Chairman's Report – Dave Neal:**
 - a. Meeting with Nambe Pueblo regarding reservoir repairs: Dave outlined the meeting with the Pueblo to join forces to secure funding to dredge the dam and clean out the catchment netting upstream of the reservoir. The next meeting will be October 11th at 3PM at the Pueblo.
 - b. Infrastructure Funding – Dave deferred this item to the district Manager's report
 - c. Appointment of Ralph Manzanares as District Manager: Dave introduced the interim District Manager, Ralph Manzanares and asked the board for a motion to approve him as the District Manager. His position was created and budgeted at a previous meeting and in addition to managing our operations, he is specifically responsible for obtaining grants and funding for ongoing maintenance issues.
 - i. **MOTION TO APPROVE – Meade, SECOND – Rob, MOTION PASSED.**
6. **Report from the Office of the State Engineer – Tomas Stockton:**
 - a. Dave reported that Tomas was not able to attend in person, but he had discussed with him via phone that the OSE and Nambe Pueblo seem to be coming to terms with the administration of their water rights and that the



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Pueblo seems to be amenable to diverting water in accordance with PVID schedules and the Aamodt Settlement. Nothing has been inked at this time however. He also reported that the OSE would be furnishing an updated database to us containing all the surface water right holders in the valley. We intend to distribute this list to all acequias and Pueblos for their use in brining their records up to date, as well as the District's.

7. District Manager's Report – Ralph Manzanares:

- a. Infrastructure Funding: Ralph reported that he has several grant applications in and is working with Nambe Pueblo on a few more.

8. Financial Report – Rob Heineman:

- a. Financial Report for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Through September: Rob reported that we are on track with our revenue and expenses and explained several line items on the budget to those in attendance. A question was asked if rates would go up again next year. He responded that there was around \$57K in deferred maintenance projects in this year's budget that would fall off next year's budget, so it was likely assessments would go down next year.
- b. Pueblo of Pojoaque Fee Simple Properties: Rob reported that the District continues to review property records to capture all water users in the valley. The largest user currently not registered with PVID is the Pueblo of Pojoaque. After discussion, a motion was made to enter into negotiations with the Pueblo to bring their fee simple properties into compliance and to secure past-due assessments. Dave appointed Rob to address the issue. **MOTION TO APPROVE – Meade, SECOND – Dave, MOTION PASSED.**

9. Dam Tender Report - Will McCoy

- a. Will reported that several maintenance issues had been addressed and that several more are in the mill as he reviews proposals and issues work orders, including welding, painting, fencing, spillway concrete repair and vegetation mitigation.

10. Dam Release Report – Rob Heineman: Rob advised that we are currently releasing water at a rate slightly exceeding inflow to lower the reservoir level for the winter. The current release is approximately 20CFS (even though the downstream gauge shows around 14CFS) and that rate will continue until the end of the irrigation season on October 31st. Beginning November 1, the release will depend on requirements for maintenance and ice accretion. He said that he has not generated the detailed diversion reports that were prepared last year due to flooding and an overabundance of water in the river. He discussed the silting issue in detail.



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11. 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 progress. PVID has presented a document to the BoR that we are prepared to sign, but the BoR has not responded formally.
- b. Review of 2015 Draft Rules and Regulations – Subcommittee Interest email – Dave: Progress has been made and a draft for review should be ready by the next quarterly meeting.

12. New Business:

- a. D&O Insurance Policy – The board has directed staff to apply for and secure a Director's and Officer's Liability Policy for the district. These policies are commonplace in the industry. A comment was made to check with Enrique Romero to see if there is coverage via their umbrella. Ralph to look into it.
- b. Generator Maintenance Contract: Rob reported that there is no record of the generator at the dam ever being serviced. While it is functional, it is a required component for operation of the dam. One quote has been secured for \$3,200 to provide an annual maintenance agreement. Rob suggested that since the new silting issue precludes cleaning the trash rack, a portion of that budgeted amount be utilized to bring the generator into compliance. Dave requested an additional quote prior to issuing a contract. Motion to secure a service contract for the generator, not to exceed \$3,500.00. **MOTION TO APPROVE – Rob, SECOND – Meade, MOTION PASSED.**

13. Public Comment: None.

14. Adjournment:

- a. **8:04 PM - MOTION TO APPROVE:** – Rob, **SECOND** – Meade.

15. Approval: these minutes were approved by a motion of the Board of Directors at a meeting held on January 24, 2023.