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

## **January 24, 2023 Virtual Quarterly Meeting**

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

### **Via Zoom**

### **Minutes**

1. **Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chair Dave Neal.
2. **Recognition of Quorum:** Present at the meeting were Dave Neal, Meade Martin and Rob Heineman, directors constituting a quorum, and the following individuals: Greg Swift, James Langbrunner, Bob Jansen, Scott DeMuth, John Gutting, Victoria Atencio – Nambe Pueblo, Curtis Thompson, Elizabeth Montoya, tomas Stockton – OSE, Rick Roybal, Lewis Valdez, Paula Diehl, Anna, Gary Simac, Kimber Heineman and Jen Watkins
3. **Approval of the Agenda:**
  - a. **Meeting Protocol** - Dave advised the attendees that public comment would be accepted after each item on the agenda, limited to that specific item. General public comment would take place at the end of the meeting.
  - b. **Introduction of Attendees for Meeting Minutes** – Attendees stated their name and affiliation for the record.
  - c. **Motion To Approve** – Rob, **SECOND** – Meade. Rob advised that Tomas Stockton would like to add TBI forms and Alternative Administration to his presentation.  
**MOTION PASSED.**
4. **Disposition of Previous Minutes**
  - a. Minutes of the October 6, 2022 Quarterly Meeting – Dave noted a typo and requested the start time of the meeting be changed from 8:05PM to 6:05PM.
  - b. **Motion To Approve** – Rob, **SECOND** – Dave, **MOTION PASSED.**
5. **Chairman's Report – Dave Neal:**
  - a. Interim Dam Tender Position – Dave advised the departure of Will McCoy as dam tender. Ralph would fill in until a new tender is hired in March.
6. **Treasurer/Secretary Report – Rob Heineman:**
  - a. Financial Report for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Through December – Rob presented the budget vs. actual P&L for the fiscal year through December. He noted that receivables are down and advised the members that payment in full is due by



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February 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid late fees. He also advised that the BIA is again slow to pay and that a formal letter had been sent by Dave to them for payment or response.

- b. 2021-2022 Audit – Rob presented the draft audit by Baldwin and Co. He noted that the audit was conducted and there were no exceptions noted. Rob expressed kudos to Kathy for her excellent work. **Motion To Approve** – Dave, **SECOND** – Meade. Dave noted that there was an error on page 3 of the compilation report; the name of the addressee should be PVID, not Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District, **MOTION PASSED**.
- c. Winter Operation – Rob reported that we are holding the reservoir level at +/- 6825.6 feet, one foot below spill level for ice accretion per our SOP.

**7. District Manager/Dam Tender's Report – Ralph Manzanares:**

- a. Directors and Officer's (D&O) Insurance – Ralph advises that a government agency cannot pay for D&O insurance for board members as it is a conflict of interest. This would also apply to acequias. Greg asked if we had asked the school board how they handle it. Ralph is going to do further research. Dave advises that this issue also applies to the bonds that directors provide for their service.
- b. Dam trash rack cleaning/repair and relocation of reservoir sedimentation – Ralph advises that the sediment and debris was removed from the trash rack in December.
- c. Infrastructure Funding: - Ralph advised that we currently have seven funding applications in place and Nambe Pueblo has submitted an additional request to clean out the reservoir and catchment structure. Rob explained the status of the reservoir and the silt build up and the reason the funding is so critical. Ralph introduced Victoria Atencio from Nambe Pueblo. She discussed the volume of work required to prepare the grants and get the remediation work started. Ralph also advised that the BOR is moving to obtain funding to remove the sediment. Their first task will be to do a new bathymetric survey of the reservoir to determine the amount of silt that needs to be removed. Also, Andrea Romero has offered \$30,000 towards the effort and will propose it in this year's session.
  - i. NM Representative District 46 Andrea Romero
  - ii. Bureau of Reclamation (BoR) Commitment to fund silt removal (bathymetric survey approved)
  - iii. Other funding
- d. Ongoing Deferred Maintenance Items – Ralph advised the following maintenance items that have been completed or are in process at the dam.



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- i. Security (e.g., Locks replaced, door hardware welded, fencing)
- ii. Generator inspected (service contract issued)
- iii. Spillway repairs
- iv. Vegetation removal plan
- v. Automated Weather Station
- vi. Painting

#### **8. Old Business:**

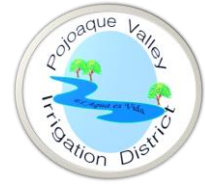
- a. Office of the State Engineer – Tomas Stockton – Tomas reported that this year's TBI reporting will be done a little differently this year. It will be on-line reporting and notices should go out soon. He also reports that he is working with the Pueblos on their anticipated water usage for the season. He said that there will be a meeting scheduled in February between PVID, OSE, BOR and the Pueblos by Alice Walker, counsel for Nambe Pueblo.
  - i. Recap of 2021-2022 Irrigation Season – Tomas advised that there are slight discrepancies in the release numbers provided by PVID. He would also like to see TBI numbers on the report.
  - ii. Tomas reported that all acequia gages will be on line this year and calibrated.
  - iii. Rob offered the idea of continuous river flow this year and a scheduled that would support it.
  - iv. Victoria offered to talk to the MRGID to see if they would share scheduling information with us.
  - v. Tomas discussed alternative priority administration in other areas
- b. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to contract between BoR-PVID – Dave advised that the amendment had been approved by the BOR and was ready for signature. Rob noted that signing it would reduce the remaining annual dam repayments by \$18,000 over the next 9 years. **Motion To Approve** – Rob, **SECOND** – Meade. **MOTION PASSED.**
- c. Amendment No. 1 to Pueblo-PVID Contract of November 2, 19 72 Between BIA and the pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, and San Ildefonso – Dave advised that negotiations will resume soon.
- d. Draft Rules and Regulations – Dave advised that we are still working on the draft and are incorporating items pertinent to us from the Bloomfield Irrigation District regulations.

#### **9. New Business:**

- a. Approval of the Open Meetings Action Resolution. **Motion To Approve** – Rob, **SECOND** – Meade. **MOTION PASSED.**



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**10. Public Comment:**

- a. General Public/District Members
- b. Federal Agencies (e.g., BoR, BIA, FEMA, USGS, USDA)
- c. Tribal Government
  - i. Pueblo of Nambe
  - ii. Pueblo of Pojoaque
  - iii. Pueblo of San Ildefonso
- d. Pojoaque Valley Regional Acequia Association
- e. Individual Acequia Commissioners – Rob asked if any acequias were having problems getting their pressas ready for the upcoming season. Meade said that SF county, James Salazar, PW said that they had limited resources to help out. SF county will require a copy of bylaws and have permits from the pueblos if required. James can be reached at Santa Fe County Public works, James Salazar Cell phone 505-490-3078

**11. Adjournment:**

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

**12. Approval:** these minutes were approved by a motion of the Board of Directors at a meeting held on April 20, 2023 at the PVSD Board Room.

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