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**Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District (PVID)**  
**April 20, 2023 Quarterly Meeting**  
**6:00PM to 8:00PM**  
**Pojoaque Valley School District**  
**Jacona Campus Board Room**

**Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Neal at 6:05PM.
- 2. Recognition of Quorum:** Board members present: Dave, Meade and Rob. Staff present: Ralph and Antonio. Members present: Kimber Heineman, Anthony Garcia, Jeff Montoya, James Langenbrunner, Irene Webb, Jude Pardee, John Gregory, Scott DeMuth, Pancho Sena, Chavela Valdez, Bobbie Gonzales, and Tomas Stockton from the OSE.
- 3. Approval of the Agenda:**
  - a. Board Members Present and Introduction of Attendees for Meeting Minutes
  - b. Motion To Approve Agenda. MOTION – Rob, SECOND – Meade, MOTION PASSED.
- 4. Disposition of Previous Minutes**
  - a. Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting held on January 25, 2023: MOTION: Meade-, SECOND – Rob, MOTION PASSED.
- 5. Chairman's Report – Dave Neal:**
  - a. BIA Contractual Obligations and Payment Therein: Dave reports that the BIA has not been making payments to the district per our operating contract. The BIA, on behalf of the pueblos, funds 36% of our operating budget. It has reached the point where the district will run out of available cash before July if payments are not made. The district will reach out to someone at Secretary Holland's office to coordinate issues between the BIA and BOR.
  - b. Revised Procedures for Operating and Maintaining the Dam: Dave reports that the BOR has revised the Standard Operating Procedures for the dam to include the



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implementation of the Aamodt Settlement. We are supposed to receive the revised document this week.

- c. Update of NM Legislature Funding: Rep. Andrea Romero submitted a funding request for \$30K for the trash rack cleaning during the budget process in January. PVID had filled out all required paperwork and had received an email stating that we were in the cue and no further action required on our part. Somehow, a step was missed, and there will be no funding. Hopefully the representative can find an alternate source for the funds?
- d. Infrastructure Funding: Dave stated Ralph would address this in his report.
- e. Northern Tributary Pueblo Water Rights Association – March 8, 2023 Meeting: Dave reports that the meeting between the Pueblos and PVID was very productive. The current irrigation schedule was presented and embraced by the attendees. A future meeting should be scheduled in June as a season mid-point review of operations and suggested improvements.

#### **6. Treasurer/Secretary/District Water Manager Report – Rob Heineman:**

- a. Status of Current Release Schedule: Rob reports that we are currently in rotation cycle 2 of 15. Many ditches are still preparing for water and most have taken some. Several ditches have asked for additional irrigation days. Rob stated that those requests have been honored and is parceling out 2 additional days per ditch due to an abundance of available water in the river. Rob asked for a show of hands regarding the new schedule and if parciantes were getting adequate water. It was a mixed bag, so Rob is going to get a questionnaire out to the acequias to determine how the schedule is working.
- b. Financial Report for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Through March 2023: Rob reports that most accounts are within budget and some funds have been moved between accounts to cover staff time used to chase down grant funds, which was not anticipated in the budget. The big hole in revenue remains – payment from the BIA.

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

- a. Introduction of New Dam Tender and River Runner: Ralph introduced Antonio Duran, the new Dam tender/River runner. He started on March 31.
- b. Update of Funding Requests: Ralph reports that he is still chasing funding. He currently has funding requests outstanding with FEMA, BOR and Discretionary



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Funding requests with Senators Heinrich and Lujan and Congresswoman Fernandez-Ledger. It looks like the BOR is the best option at this time and a meeting is in the works for late April/early May. Ralph has been in contact with Speaker Kevin McCarthy and has been assured that the BOR will take a hard look at the dam upgrades that are required.

- c. Deferred Maintenance Items: Ralph reports that we are working on several items in-house, have contracted out the generator maintenance and trash rack cleaning and are waiting for signatures on the contract with NMSU to install a fully automated weather station for the dam at zero cost to us. Many other deferred maintenance issues that were budgeted for the year are on hold pending payment from the BIA.

## **8. Old Business:**

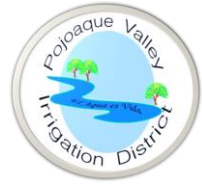
- a. Update on TBI Forms and Pueblo Water Plans - Office of the State Engineer: Tomas Stockton reports that roughly half of the non-pueblo acequias have turned in their TBI reports and that none of the Pueblo's have turned in their surface water reports for this season. He gave out his contact information to several acequias having questions about the reports. He discussed the status of the gauging stations and that contractors are working on them to improve accuracy and timely reporting to the web.
- b. D&O Insurance – The board has tabled this issue.
- c. Approval of Amendment 2 to the BOR Contract: Dave reports that the document has been approved by both PVID and the BOR. PVID has signed it and we are waiting for BOR signatures from Washington.
- d. Amendment 1 to the PVID – Pueblos Contract: We hope to start this negotiation with the BIA and BOR at the upcoming meeting. It will include a new allocation of costs that represents the 60/40 storage split currently in place and will include new operational language for diversion
- e.

## **9. New Business:**

- a. Past Due Accounts Initiative: Rob reports that our past due receivables and general membership assessment payments need to be reviewed and a policy enacted to set time frames and penalties for non payment. State law is clear that it is the obligation of the district to pursue past due accounts and even sell properties to retire those obligations. Hopefully a policy can be put in place that offers parciantes a way to pay over time or retire past due amounts to get properties into compliance.



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#### **10. Public Comment:**

- a. General Public/District Members: Bobbie Gonzales asked if ICIP funds could be carried over year to year. Discussion ensued with no definitive outcome.
- b. Tribal Government
- c. Pueblo of Pojoaque – Jeff Montoya noted that the meeting with the Northern Tributaries Assn was well attended and that most thought the meeting was productive and a big step in the right direction.

#### **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 June 1, 2023.