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Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District (PVID)

September 19, 2024 Special Meeting

6:00PM to 8:30PM

Via Zoom

Minutes

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. **Call To Order:** Chairman Dave Neal called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.
2. **Recognition of Quorum:** Secretary Curtis Thomson acknowledged all three directors present. The public was represented by 18 constituents.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chairman Dave Neal
 - a. **Additions/Corrections:** Rob added two items, 9.b. and 9.c. below.
 - b. **Motion To Approve – Rob, SECOND – Curt. DISCUSSION - None, VOTE – Motion Carried.**
4. **Disposition of Previous Minutes:**
 - a. Minutes of the July 22, 2024 Special Meeting (Attachment)
 - b. **Motion To Approve – Curt, SECOND – Rob. DISCUSSION - None, VOTE – Motion Carried.**
5. **Chairman's Report – Dave Neal:**
 - a. Upcoming election – call for volunteers and candidates
6. **Treasurer's Report – Rob Heineman:**
 - a. Postponed to September 26th Quarterly Meeting.
7. **District Manager/Dam Tender's Report – Ralph Manzanares:**
 - a. Operations:



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- i. Collections are proceeding as planned.
- ii. New invoices have gone out and money is coming in.
- iii. Vegetation Control is ongoing.
- iv. Thank you to Mayordomos for their participation in managing the schedule.
- v. Weather Station – NMSU is still waiting on money from the government.

8. Old Business:

- a. None

9. New Business:

- a. Review Draft Election Procedure - Rob presented a proposed draft for the PVID election policy. The proposed policy has been formulated from state statute 73-10 – Irrigation Districts Cooperating with the BOR. The policy was presented with emphasis on 6 items that are not in the statute that were presented for discussion with the intention of incorporating the recommendations of said items into a formal draft to be presented for approval at the Quarterly Meeting scheduled for September 26th:
 - i. Additions/Deletions not covered by state law and board recommendations from 9-19-24 special meeting:
 - 1. Minimum acreage qualification for qualified electors – affected clauses:
 - a. 2.a., 2.b., 2.c. - State law provides eligibility for electors based on ownership of a minimum of one-half acre or more.
 - b. Current Status – The board, supported by public comment, wants to delete the minimum acreage requirement. There are many parcels in the valley smaller than one-half acre, and their exclusion from the voter rolls is not in the best interest of the district.
 - 2. Quantity of votes per irrigable acre – affected clauses:
 - a. 2.a., 2.b., 2.c. – The question is should the district allow weighted voting based on quantity of irrigable acres owned by a member. The statute does not address this and holds corporations to 1 vote per state statute – should this be increased based on acreage held?



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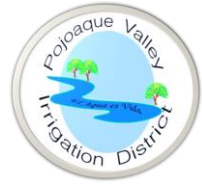
- b. Public and board commentary leaned towards one vote per member/organization.
 - c. Current Status – Rob to review with NMAA and attorney and make recommendation to board for the next meeting.
- 3. Pueblo voting rights for fee-simple properties – affected clauses:
 - a. 2.c. – This clause was added to provide for pueblo representation in the district for fee simple lands they reacquire.
 - b. Current status – the Board, with public support adopted the language.
- 4. Nominating Petitions – affected clauses:
 - a. 3.a.i. – Qualified Candidate Nominating Petition – how many signatures required?
 - b. Current Status – the board agreed on 10 qualified signatures.
- 5. Definition of Divisions – affected clauses:
 - a. 4.a. Change “Districts” to “Divisions” – to be consistent with statue language. This appears throughout the document.
 - b. Current Status - The board supported the change.
- 6. Number of divisions – affected clauses:
 - a. 4.a. – Number of Divisions – currently 3, but the statute has been changed to allow for 5 members.
 - b. Current Status – after much discussion, the board agreed to a five-member board.
- b. Rob will prepare a new draft with corrections for the Quarterly Meeting on September 26th.
- c. Notification of Approved PVID 2024-25 Budget From DFA – Rob presented the letter from the DFA approving our 2024-2025 Budget.
- d. PVRAA – Kim Sheehan – Sharing PVRAA/NMAA Information via our member database. There was no discussion on this topic.

10. Public Comment:

- a. Tribal Government
 - i. Pueblo of Nambe – Mike Lujan commended the board for inclusion of the pueblos in the election process.



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- ii. Pueblo of Pojoaque – None
- iii. Pueblo of San Ildefonso – Daniel Baca echoed Mike Lujan’s comments
- iv. BIA – None

b. Individual Acequias – None

c. BOR – None

d. OSE – None

e. PVRAA – Kim Sheehan reported that they have had a super year and more participation. They look forward to inclusion of the pueblos on their board.

Sunday, November 10th for the second annual PVRAA gathering.

11. Adjournment:

- i. **Motion To Approve – Rob, SECOND – Curt.**

12. Approval: these minutes were approved by a motion of the Board of Directors at a meeting held on September 26, 2024.