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

### **August, 28 2025 Quarterly Meeting**

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

### **PVID Office**

### **9 Cities of Gold Road**

1. **Call To Order:** Chairman Dave Neal called to order at 6:10 pm
2. **Recognition of Quorum\Roll Call :** Gabriel recognized all board members present– Board Member roll call: Dave Neal, Mike Lujan, Harry Montoya, Carlos Ortiz, Gabriel Ortiz present. Other Attendees: PVID District Manager Ralph Manzanares, , Chase Rochester, Chris Thornborg, Kim Sheehan
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chairman Dave Neal
  - a. Additions/Corrections- addition to the agenda, add to Item, remove item 10i from the agenda.
  - i. **Motion To Approve -**, Mike Lujan, **SECOND-**, Harry Montoya **VOTE -**Motion Carried, 5-0
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**
  - a. Minutes of the July 7 2025.
    - i. **Motion to Approve** July 7 2025 Meeting Minutes-,Mike Lujan, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Harry Montoya. **VOTE –** Motion Carried. 5-0, Minutes have been approved
5. **Chairman's Report –** Dave Neal talked about the City of Santa Fe requirements\obligations, learning more that the City of Santa Fe owes PVID money for water rights that were transferred to the City from the PVID basin and still owe for assessments. Harry Montoya volunteered to look into the matter with Santa Fe City Council.
6. **Treasurer's Report –** Carlos Ortiz
  - a. Budget is on schedule, early on fiscal year and not much to report. Fish and Wildlife reimbursements turned out to be higher than expected which is an overall plus for the budget.
7. **District Manager/Dam Tender's Report – Ralph Manzanares:**
  - a. PVID Operations/Infrastructure Funding/Grants: Sending out collections, PVID building got new windows installed, PVID has new credit card provider with less fees using US Bank, Internet provider switched from Century Link to New Mexico Surf, the

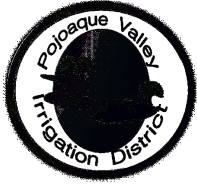


cost is lower and the internet speed is faster, security cameras have been installed at the PVID building and are now active. Infrastructure Funding: application in place for the grants and for BOR Extraordinary Maintenance Aging Infrastructure loan.

- b. Vegetation Control: Crew is going up to the dam to get vegetation under control. Also cleanup work is being done below the dam.
  - c. ASI Report: Annual Site Inspection Report is done, just waiting to receive it.
  - d. Weather Station: Weather station is inaccurate and having to do things manually and are correct.
8. **Secretary Report** – Technology important for PVID and parcientes, improves communication during meetings and encourages participation.
9. **Old Business:** Rules and Regulations need to be updated, Ralph Manzanares recommended that Rob Heineman be assigned the task of updating Rules and Regs because of Rob's knowledge and experience.
10. **New Business:** Discuss
- i. **This Item removed from Agenda:** Presentation Earth Keepers 360
  - ii. Board agreed that it would be beneficial to look into a big screen monitor and camera for use during PVID meetings for Zoom and presentations.

#### 11. Public Comment

- a. Nambe Pueblo: Mike Lujan, pueblo is pleased with the work that District Manager\Dam Tender Ralph Manzanares is doing.
- b. Pojoaque Pueblo (none)
- c. San I (none)
- d. OSE, Chis Thornburg: Appreciated the job that Ralph Manzanares is doing, communicating with Water Masters, me, etc. Chris recommended a weather station called CoCoRaHS as a backup, used for measuring weather and precipitation, will be sending link to the website. OSE Office is losing another member of the staff and will be shorthanded for a while. Hiring is in progress. Water Master report is coming out for the year.  
Worked with one of the PVID ditches that reached their allocation for the year and was able to approve a transfer to allow the ditch to get more water. Flood waters can mess with gauges and meters and add to the allocation for that ditch so it is important that mayordomos close their head gates so that water does not come into the ditch during a flood and are not getting inadvertently charged. Every ditch has an allocation and are limited to that allocation. Communication is key between the



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Water Master and the Mayordomos to see where the allocation of water stands. Working with USGS on fixing gauge above the Nambe Dam. A gauging station would be beneficial tracking water coming from the Rio en Medio river to track the amount of water flowing into the Nambe river, allowing the adjustment\release of water coming from the dam.

- e. PVRAA: Kim Sheehan, talked about the report on assessments of exiting conditions at four acequias, Acequia de los Indios, Acequia El Rancho, Acequia de la Otra Banda and the Acequia Garduno's, regarding the difficulty of getting water into those ditches. Talked about how to improve the conditions within the basin to reduce the in channel work near presa's and acequias.

**12. Next Meeting: to be announced**

**13. Adjournment:** Dave called for an adjournment of the meeting

— **Motion To Adjourn:** Carlos Ortiz—, **SECOND** Harry Montoya —, **Motion carried 5-0 – Meetings adjourned**

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