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

## **February 18, 2025 Special Meeting**

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

### **PV Middle School Cafeteria**

## **Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call To Order:** Chairman Dave Neal called to order at 6:10 in school Cafeteria, location too loud to hear because of ongoing Basketball game, meeting moved over to one of the adjacent classrooms. Dave Called to order at 6:20 at new location.
2. **Recognition of Quorum:** Gabriel recognized all board members present. Mike L., Carlos O., Harry M. Dave N, Gabriel O. Ralph M., Kathy M. Mayordomos and Representatives of ditches.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chairman Dave Neal
  - a. **Motion To Approve Carlos SECOND Mike DISCUSSION - , VOTE – Motion Carried .**
4. **Disposition of Previous Minutes:**
  - a. Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Regular Quarterly Meeting (Attachment)
  - b. Minutes of the January 13, 2025 Special Meeting
  - c. **Motion To Approve Carlos SECOND –Mike DISCUSSION - , VOTE – Motion Carried**
5. **Chairman's Report – Dave Neal:**
  - a. Discussions with Santa Fe County : County should run elections, PVID is no difference than Pojoaque Valley School district
  - b. Need to follow open meetings act.
  - c. Dave looking for volunteer to help with writing new Rules and Regulations: Grace Beckley volunteered.
  - d. Appointment of Board Advisor: Rob H., Motion to Approve Harry, Second Mike Vote – Motion Carried
6. **Treasurer's Report – Carlos Ortiz:**
  - a. No quarterly financial report for the period. Carlos added that dues contribute to Dam Maintenance, SJCP costs and al lot of other pieces, system works better



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when everyone pays their dues. Budget is currently higher because people are starting to pay their dues.

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

- a. Accounts Receivable and new water availability Policy. PVID is changing its policy, meaning only deliver water to those who have paid and the others **who have not paid will not receive the water**. Everything else suffers because we have a few people that are lax. PVID starting a program called **"Inventory"** making sure we are distributing water to those that are paying, taking inventory of everyone in the district that hasn't signed up or who owes to ensure water is distributed fairly. We have a large number of people who have not signed up with the State Engineers Office, when the schedule is released, we will not put them on the schedule. PVID is going to fix this issue by taking inventory to alleviate the cost for all of us. State Engineers is working on finding out who has not signed up/transferred water rights so that PVID can account for everyone in the District, i.e. new properties that have not been registered, relatives that have not registered, OSE database not correct with ownership and PVID is moving ahead on correcting this.
- b. Weather Station: not as important, so we will hold off.

**8. New Business:**

- a. OMA Discussions. Meetings have to be transparent, no more than two board members can meet to discuss PVID issues.

**9. Next Meeting: To be announced: Meeting with Mayordomos to distribute schedule and list of people who have paid and list of people who have not paid. Need to inform mayordomos of who should be getting water. Order water for what PVID can pay for.**

**10. Public Comment:**

- a. Tribal Government
  - i. Pueblo of Nambe – Mike Lujan , able to get money for rehab of Dam/Lake and Water Shed, clean out for debris and sand from lake.
  - ii. Pueblo of Pojoaque – None
  - iii. Pueblo of San Ildefonso – None
  - iv. BIA – Not Present
- b. Individual Acequias –
- c. BOR – Not present



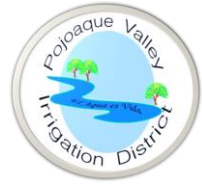
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- d. OSE – Not present
- e. PVRAA –Anthony did state that Mapping had been done for all ditches, and that some mappings were wrong.
- f. Alex Martinez : Why water is flowing down river in the winter, Ralph and Dave explained that there is minimal water being let go out of the the dam, 2 cfs. Water is coming from adjacent rivers, i.e. Rio En Medio or Chupadero. Also asked question, is there a an allocation of water that we receive from SJCP?
- g. Anthony Garcia: asked question regarding CFS differences among ditches. Concerned why one ditch is pushing 4 cfs and my ditch is only pushing 1.5 cfs. Every ditch is different with cement, culverts, why am I paying for water I am not getting.
- h. Bobby Baca: ask question, Why have dues increased, is it because of those who have not paid?.
- i. Tresurer for La Jolla ditch, main concern is scheduling will be chaotic with cutting off people after a year, family issues are in play, i.e. death of a parent. Kathy checked records and it looks like 5 people are in arears for that ditch, a few are 3 years. There is a payment plan.
- j. Jered H., sharing water/paying bill to get water from neighbor
- k. Claudine Armenta - states that State Engineers office has not reported irrigation rights to PVID after transferring rights, she stated received receipt of payment.. Cathy suggested that she come to the office and discuss the matter.
- l. Carla M. asked question, unclear on why did the Dam fee's doubled?
- m. Rodney Martinez ask question if those that own gardens have priority.
- n. Unknown member: Enforcement is going to fall heavily on the Mayordomos and people handing out the schedules. Mike L. responded by giving an example of a utility bill, if you don't pay your light/electricity bill you will be left in the dark. It's a matter of paying your bill.
- o. Answers to many of the questions about dues were because of the fees from the SJCP and the agreement we have with the BOR. PVID needs to figure out a way to get out of this umbrella. There was a confusion of taking water rights away, the State Engineers office has total control of water rights not PVID.



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**11. Adjournment:**

- a. **Motion to Approve Harry, second, Gabriel**

**12. Approval:** these minutes were approved by a motion of the Board of Directors at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.

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