

Acequia del Caño

Biannual Meeting December 2, 2003

Minutes

Members present: (in order of signing in) Meade P. Martin for LTM Cattle Co. Inc., Robert and Michelle Baran, Arsenio Trujillo, Patricia R. Martinez for Virginia Romero, Roberta Martinez for herself and Loyola Garcia, Charlie and Marlene Lujan, Erlinda Key, Meliton Ortiz, Dolores V. Romero, Victoria DeVargas, Jack Hardwick (attorney for Virginia Romero, Charlie and Marlene Lujan, Loyola Garcia, Dolores Romero, Roberta Martinez, Victoria De Vargas, and Erlinda Key), Chuck and Lany Berger, Gary Clark, Jack Blum, Eduardo Archuleta, Jeff Vigil for Lois Archuleta Vigil, Ramos Archuleta, Robert Salazar for himself and John A. Salazar, Herman Gonzales for Transformations Inc., Joel Serra (attorney for Transformations Inc.), Jim Rogers, Peter Buehner, Joe Montes, Julia Takahashi, Donaldo Roybal for the estate of Mrs. Pablo Roybal, Chris Barrett, Pete Romero, Paul Montoya.

President Paul Montoya called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm. He asked that all proxies be presented and counted. It was determined that 62 votes were present by proxy. Jim Rogers asked for a count of votes present in person. It was determined that 55 votes were present.

Paul asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Rogers made the following motion." I move the minutes be approved contingent upon their publication and distribution to Acequia Shareholders. I further move that with the minutes a notice shall be sent to the acequia shareholders at least ten days prior to the spring meeting of the commissioners as specified in Article III Section 1 of the Bylaws where a draft schedule for the 2004 season will be discussed and voted on for adoption as well as billings for cleaning and maintenance. Eduardo Archuleta seconded the motion. During the discussion of the motion an amendment to change the motion to read (the spring meeting of the general membership) instead of the commissioners was made by _____ and seconded by _____. The question was called and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 36 to 24. The motion then came to vote and was adopted by the same vote.

President then asked Meade Martin for the Treasurer's report. Meade stated that the Acequia had \$3,765.55 in the checking and savings accounts. He also stated that the total amount of accounts in arrears was \$163.68. The 503 Lateral piping project was completed for a cost of \$46,911.56 with \$68.33 being refunded by account credit to the parciantes on that lateral. Gratitude was extended to Jim Rogers and Chuck Berger for all of their efforts to successfully complete that project. Victoria DeVargas asked if the funds for the lateral improvement were separate from the rest of the acequia's funds. Meade stated that the treasurer uses the QuickBooks program to keep the accounts and while the acequia has only one checking and savings account the lateral improvement was managed with its own set of records. Anyone wishing a copy of the accounting of the 503 project would be welcome to request one from the treasurer. Adoption of the treasurer's report was moved by Lany Berger and seconded by Victoria DeVargas and adopted by acclamation.

Elections were next on the agenda. Paul opened the floor for nominations for President. Joe Montes nominated Lany Berger seconded by _____. Meade Martin nominated Robert Baran seconded by Arsenio Trujillo. Herman Gonzales nominated Meade Martin, seconded by Chris Barrett. Both Meade and Lany declined their nominations. Robert Baran was asked to speak and tell the assembled members a bit about himself. Robert stated that he was new to the valley and that he knew that he had a lot to learn about the acequia but that he thought that he could do a good job if everyone supported him. Pete Romero moved that Robert Baran be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Arsenio Trujillo. Robert Baran was elected by acclamation.

Paul asked for nominations for Secretary. _____ nominated Meade Martin seconded by Gary Clark. There were no other nominations and Meade was elected by acclamation.

Paul asked for nominations for Treasurer. Don Roybal nominated Meliton Ortiz seconded by Arsenio Trujillo. Lany Berger nominated Joe Montes, seconded by Bobbie Martinez. Meliton declined the nomination. Joe stated that he has had lots of experience with financial record keeping and uses Quicken accounting software. Joe was elected by acclamation.

Paul asked for nominations for mayordomo. At this point in the meeting the discussion became lively. Gary Clark moved and Arsenio Trujillo seconded a motion to form a committee of the outgoing and incoming commissioners to propose candidates for mayordomo. Michelle Baran proposed an amendment, seconded by _____ to pole the membership by mail. Both the amendment and motion failed in a voice vote.

Patsy Martinez moved and Don Roybal seconded a motion that the commission find or hire a mayordomo. After more discussion the motion failed a voice vote.

Joe Montes nominated Chuck Berger who declined the nomination.

Meade Martin nominated Eduardo Archuleta who declined.

Don Roybal nominated Erlinda Key who declined.

Pete Romero declined a nomination for mayordomo.

Jack Blum declined a nomination for Mayordomo.

Jim Rogers declined a nomination for Mayordomo.

President Paul Montoya asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to a later date and to elect a mayordomo then. That motion was made and seconded and January 12th was proposed as the meeting date. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Meade Martin, Secretary/Treasurer.

(Secretary's note. I was never able to confirm the names of the unidentified members moving or seconding the above motions.)