

**Minutes of the Acequia del Caño meeting
Jan. 30, 2017**

Chairman Peter Buehner called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Present in person were: Ramos Archuleta for Edwardo Archuleta, Janet Arrow Smith, Lany Berger, Jack Blum, Peter Buehner, Ray and Vanessa Chavez, Gedi Cibas, Gary Davis, John Gutting, Nick Herrera, Meade Martin, Bruce Lewis, Ernesto Lujan, Gabriel Montoya, Tim Merrigan, Julia Takahashi, Pete Romero, Alfredo Roybal, Glen Sears.

The following members sent their proxies: Edwardo Archuleta, James Baker, Loyola Garcia, Linda Keys, Llonald King, Phil Loomis, Carla Lovato, Charlie and Marlene Lujan, Dolores Romero, Virginia Romero, Orlando Salazar, Robert Salazar.

Ramos Archuleta moved to approve the 2017 agenda; Janet Arrowsmith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Secretary Martin read the 1/23/16 meeting minutes. Lany Berger's daughter's name was corrected to Jennifer. John Gutting moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Glen Sears the motion passed unanimously.

Merrigan gave the treasurer's report, which is attached. Total expenses were \$12,774: \$5,400 for ditch cleaning, \$12,695 for diversion maintenance, \$6,263 for concrete repair, \$525 for maintenance, \$586 for other expenses. In 2016, \$9,761 was received for assessments. As of Dec. 31, 2015, cash balance was \$13,542. Outstanding assessments totaled \$1,986. The anticipated FEMA grant, received in 2016, totaled \$9,521. Pete Romero moved to approve the treasurer's report; Ramos Archuleta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Merrigan continued with the 2017 budget. He proposed expenditures of \$5,500 for ditch cleaning, \$5,000 towards diversion repairs, \$2,500 for miscellaneous maintenance and repairs, \$250 for office supplies and

postage, for total budgeted expenditures of \$13,250. Approval of the budget was tabled pending a discussion of an engineering proposal for an evaluation and schematic design proposal for stabilization of our diversion and two proposals for construction of repairs to our grade stabilization structure. These proposals were distributed at the meeting and are attached to these minutes.

John Gutting expressed his support of the engineering proposal. He also voiced his concerns about the Bureau of Reclamation and Army Corps of Engineers requirements to do work in the Rio Nambé. Janet Arrowsmith shared Gutting's concerns and recommended the community consider longer term solutions with appropriate engineering studies so as to avoid recurring damage to the grade stabilization structure and ongoing expensive patches.

Gabriel Montoya from Pojoaque Pueblo offered the Pueblo's assistance in getting approval from the Army Corps of Engineers and other permitting. He said that the Pueblo was presently involved with the Acequia Del Rincon's restoration of their diversion. He stated that the Pueblo favored the design utilizing gabion baskets and concrete reinforcement as it had less of an impact on the stability of the riverbed. He also stated that the Corps requires that the structure be integrated into the riverbanks.

Julia Takahashi moved that the proposal by Roybal Enterprises be accepted with a way to provide financial assistance to parciantes that may not be able to afford the assessment needed for the project. Pete Romero seconded the motion. The discussion continued.

Alfredo Roybal called the question.

Acres represented in person voting in favor;	118.067
Acres represented by proxy voting in favor;	<u>11.57</u>
Total acres in favor;	129.637

Acres represented in person voting against the project	2.151
Acres represented by proxy voting against the project	<u>2.65</u>
Total acres against	4.801

Acres represented in person abstaining; 14.8

Acres needed to approve the project; 123.38,

The motion carried.

John Gutting remarked that the 700 page Environmental Impact Statement for the implementation of the Aamodt Settlement was available for review and the deadline for comments was February 28th, 2017. He also said he believes the Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District should be more involved with the delivery of water to the acequias from the river system, instead of the acequias working independently to take water from the river. He urged that the members present get the support of the PVID for diversion projects to deliver water to the acequias.

There being no more old or new business, Lany Berger moved to adjourn the meeting; Takahashi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Buehner adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Meade Martin Secretary

Acequia del Cano

2016 Financial Report

- Expenses \$12,774
 - Ditch Cleaning \$5,400
 - Concrete Repair \$6,263
 - Maintenance - Misc. \$525
 - Other – tools, supplies, etc. \$586
- Assessments billed - \$46/acre + \$5 dues
- Income \$19,282
 - Assessments paid \$9,761
 - FEMA grant \$9,521
- Account Cash Balance (Dec. 2016) \$13,542
- Outstanding Assessments as of Dec 30, 2016 \$1,986