

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting**  
**Acequia del Caño**  
**Monday, January 22, 2018**  
**Nambé Community Center**

Present were:

Comisionados: Chairman Peter Buehner, Secretary Meade Martin, Treasurer Tim Merrigan, Mayordomo Jack Blum.

Parciantes and their representatives: Luana Berger, Gediminas Cibas, Leonard Trujillo for Gary Clark, Manuel Gonzáles, John Gutting, Phil Hasserick, Nick Herrera, Denise Hearst, Robin Martin, Joseph Montes, Paul Montoya, Gabriel Montoya for Pueblo of Pojoaque, Pete Romero, John Zubchenok.

Proxies were submitted for: Virginia King and Bruce Louis by Peter Buehner, James Baker represented by Meade Martin; Loyola Garcia, Erlinda Key, Victoria Ann López, Dolores Romero, Ernesto Luján, Julia Takahashi represented by Jack Blum.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman Peter Buehner, the officers having agreed there was a quorum.

Phil Hasserick moved to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by John Zubchenok and it passed unanimously.

Secretary Meade Martin read the minutes of last year's annual meeting. It was pointed out that the date on the minutes should be 2107 instead of 2016. After that correction was made, John Gutting moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Zubchenok and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Tim Merrigan gave his treasurer's report, which is attached. Gabriel Montoya representing Pojoaque Pueblo reminded the commissioners that they must alert the Pueblo when work in the river at

the acequia intake is planned. He said the Pueblo has a crew of two men to help the acequia.

Merrigan proposed the same budget as last year, also attached. Montoya moved to accept the budget. When a discussion of the motion was called for, Robin Martin suggested paying the mayordomo \$550 per year.

Robin Martin moved to amend the budget, and Gary Clark seconded the motion. Gutting suggested the mayordomo keep track of his time and auto mileage spent on the ditch. The motion passed with one abstention. Gutting moved to approve the amended budget. The motion was seconded by Zubchenok and it passed unanimously.

Buehner told the parciantes that under the terms of the Aamodt agreement, the deadline is approaching for the acequia to present to the State Engineer a map marked with the acres to be irrigated in 2018.

Gutting said he would contact the water master to obtain the necessary paperwork for submitting acres to be irrigated. In filling out the map, the commissioners will assume that each parciante who is up-to-date on dues will be irrigating. Pete Romero said it is important for people to use the irrigation water. He said that this is the only thing we give back to the earth, and the rest of the time we are just taking. A discussion was held on severed water rights, and who owes back dues. Montoya said the Pueblo has reached out to an LLC that owns delinquent water rights, offering to buy them, but has not had success.

In a discussion of pending projects, Buehner reminded parciantes of the ongoing needs for diversion reinforcement in the Río Nambé. Meade Martin said that the commissioners had approval pending of a water pipeline, and he was told by irrigation system designer Edward Romero that the application could be changed to a diversion. Buehner said that state funding for the project would be 90%. Pete Romero corrected that percentage to 93%; he moved to change the application from a pipeline to a diversion. In the discussion followed, Pete Romero said that more concrete barriers need to be added to the present diversion. He said the river is washing away the material below the lowest barrier, and that constructing a control basin below the current structure will prevent such

erosion in the future. He said the current commissioners have been remiss in not finishing the diversion project, causing damage to the river. He amended the motion to say that the project must be finished, and it was seconded by Zubchenok. Buehner said that in 2017, he had asked an engineering company for a bid to study the riverbed situation. The chairman called for a vote and Romero's motion passed unanimously. Pete Romero recommended that Edward Romero review the final design for the diversion.

Under old business, the commissioners reminded the members that under Article 7 of the acequia's bylaws, they must call another general meeting to discuss a transfer of water rights proposal by Nick Herrera.

The 2017 officers were proposed for 2018: Buehner, chairman; Merrigan, treasurer; Martin, secretary; Blum, mayordomo. Romero moved to accept the slate by acclamation. On a second by Gabriel Montoya, the motion passed.

Joe Montez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Gutting seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Meade Martin, Secretary

Approved 2/4/2019 at the annual meeting.