

Acequia Del Caño Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 26, 2023, 3:00 pm
PVID Office, 9 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506

Parciantés Present: Luana Berger, Peter Buehner & Deborah Day, Gary Davis, John Gutting, Virginia King, Nina Ladegaard, Mead and Robin Martin, Tim Merrigan, Dennis Ortiz, Luke and Sarah Kittinger, Joaquin Rojo, Barbara Wolf

- I. Call to Order /Quorum:** Called to order at 3:15pm, 44 votes present, quorum established.

- II. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. 1st: Peter Buehner
 - b. 2nd: Virginia King

- III. Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - a. 1st: Lani Berger
 - b. 2nd: Ramos Archuleta
 - c. Unanimous approval

- IV. Projects**
 - a. 2023 Acequia Cleaning
 - i. Entire ditch up to the paleo: \$5,000, as usual
 - ii. Arroyo debris removal from our Acequia East of La Mesita additional: \$1,200
 - iii. Discussion around parciantés cleaning the La Mesita section, or pay... Who would show up to clean?
 - iv. Discussion about the cause of the erosion filling the ditch with debris
 - v. The acequia commission is pursuing funding to pipe the problematic section - We would like to have an infrastructure committee who meets regularly to pursue this
 - vi. Motion to pay the \$5,000 + \$1,200
 1. 1st: Luke Kittinger, with the caveat that we have a plan to address the cause of the problematic section
 2. 2nd: John Gutting seconds
 3. Unanimous approval
 - b. Update and resolution approving the RCPP diversion restoration project
 - i. Our diversion was undermined last summer by severe flooding
 - ii. We have an engineered design to restore our diversion, and funding lined up for about 90% of the project
 - iii. This project will need to happen in winter 2023/2024
 - iv. We need the parciantés' approval to move forward
 1. Motion to approve diversion restoration project
 2. 1st: John Gutting (please send resolution via email)
 3. 2nd: Tim Merrigan
 4. Unanimous approval
 - v. We can trench and get some water sent down this summer
 1. Q: How much would it cost to send any water this season?
 2. A: \$300 was the quote received from Nathan Borrego

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- V. Treasurer's Report (Treasurer)**
- a. See attached treasurer's report
 - b. Approval of treasurer's report
 - i. 1st: Robin martin
 - ii. 2nd: Virginia king
 - iii. 1 opposed, approval passes
- VI. Office of State Engineer TBI (To Be Irrigated Reports) discussion**
- a. The PVID is having a meeting on March 15th to discuss TBI reporting
 - b. The OSE requests that we label the TBI acres as: active, inactive, and water-banked
 - c. There is regularly less water available in the system as we are in a long-term drought
 - d. We've been reporting 186 official acres
 - e. All the lands that are not irrigated that we report will affect the schedule. It behooves us to be accurate – if we accurately account for the inactive parcels, there will be more water for the active plots.
 - f. If you choose not to irrigate, you will not lose your rights, because we are in a drought! You can put your rights in a water bank and sign a form.
 - g. We need to poll our parciantés and ask if they want to water bank, irrigate, or not irrigate
- VII. Review of best forms for Acequia communication with parciantés**
- a. (This went unaddressed)
- VIII. Old business/New Business: none**
- IX. Next Meeting: December 3, 2023, 3:00PM**
- X. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned: 5:00PM**
- a. 1st: Nina Ladegaard
 - b. 2nd: Lani Berger
 - c. Unanimous approval