

Acequia Del Caño Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 11, 2025, 2:00 pm
Nambé Community Center

Parciantés Present: Gary Davis, Nina Ladegaard, Meade and Robin Martin, Tim Merrigan, Jeff Montoya (Pojoaque Pueblo), Rob Salazar, John Gutting, Virginia King, Luana Berger, Anastasia Stevens, Elizabeth Montoya & Bob Findlin, Dan Roper (Guest, Trout Unlimited)

- I. Call to Order /Quorum:** Called to order at 2:07pm, 42 votes present, quorum established.
- II. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. 1st: Virginia King
 - b. 2nd: Robin Martin
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2024, Meeting**
 - a. 1st: Robin Martin as amended with the addition of John Gutting present
 - b. 2nd: Virginia King
 - c. Unanimous approval
- IV. Treasurer's Report**
 - a. See attached treasurer's report
 - b. Approval of treasurer's report
 - i. 1st: Lany Berger
 - ii. 2nd: Robin Martin
 - iii. Unanimous approval
- V. Chairman's Report**
 - a. **Acequia Cleaning 2025**

Willy gave us the same quote as last year. We are going to get another bid from the folks who cleaned the poleo last year, we can also get a bid from Ralph Manzaneres.

Additional Cleaning Projects:

 - i. Clearing the brush (baby elms and willows), no big trees.
Willy quoted: \$6,000, need other bids.
 - ii. Clearing the large cottonwood that fell in 2020.
Willy quoted: \$1,000, need other bids.
 - iii. John Gutting Moves to get multiple bids on these 3 projects, and that the mayordomo and commission choose the best bid.
 - iv. Anatasia Stevens seconds
 - v. Unanimous approval
 - b. **Projects**
 - i. **Diversion**

The new diversion project that we got funding for to do last year, was denied by the Nambé Pueblo. They didn't want a sheet pile diversion and want to keep the river more natural. We are staying in communication with them and hope to come up with a new design that is more in harmony with nature that they might approve. We have been talking to Dan Roper from Trout Unlimited about a more wholistic design that benefits the health of the river and its inhabitants.

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1. Dan Roper: Trout Unlimited is a Nationwide Organization that works with river health/restoration/fish habitat/native species. Specializes in delivering water without compromising the health of the river. Dan has so far offered free consultation.
2. Meade Martin moves that the commission engage Dan Roper of Trout Unlimited's Consultation pro-bono, for a new diversion design to present to the Nambé Pueblo.
 - a. Discussion: John Gutting: a new design would have to consider the highest our river ever flows
 - b. Rob Salazar: The parciantés would be interested in attending additional meetings to learn from Dan about design options.
3. Nina Ladegaard Seconds
4. Unanimous approval

ii. Pipeline from syphon to La Mesita Ranch

1. We have capital outlay funding to do the design of this project this year.
2. We'll need to apply for an access permit with Pojoaque Pueblo to complete the engineering.
3. Pojoaque Pueblo needs to approve the design, wants to make sure it doesn't impact vegetation. Once approved by the Pojoaque Pueblo, the Caño commission will apply for ACDIF Funding for the construction.

iii. TBI Reports

1. The advantage of reporting accurately: if there are fewer acres being irrigated, there will be more hours for the actual irrigated acres.
2. Rob Salazar asked: will this lower our total hours of irrigation?
3. Answer from Jeff Montoya: No, it's just required reporting from the Aamodt Settlement. There should be no penalties. Just transparent reporting.

VI. Review best forms of Acequia communication with parciantés:

Emails have been updated and verified spring 2024, this should be done every-other-year.

VII. Discuss and Create Ditch zones with assistant mayordomos to support the parciantés and Mayordomo

Gary Davis, our mayordomo, is working with point people in four zones to assist with irrigation communication with their neighbors.

VIII. Old Business/New Business: None

IX. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned: 3:43PM

- a. 1st: Meade
- b. 2nd: Gary