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The quarterly business meeting of the Pine River Irrigation District was held on April 7, 2026 at the La Plata/ Archuleta Water District offices at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio, CO 81137. The meeting was called to order by President Allen McCaw at 5:38p.m. Persons in attendance: Steve Harris and Dave Henry -PRID Water Engineers, Amy Huff- PRID Attorney, Mike Canterbury -PRID Reservoir Tender, Chrissy Wright -Office Manager, Ken Beck- PRID Superintendent, Sam Perry- Pfarmigan Resources, Bob Witt Community Member. Steve Pargin -PRID Board Secretary/Treasurer, Nathan Wright- PRID Board Vice President, Allen McCaw PRID Board President.

The board amended the agenda to include the Refill decree to be included in Executive session and item (I) Cost Share for Recommended Action to Address Dam Safety Issues at Vallecito Dam, Pine River Project, Colorado to be moved to Executive session.

Steve Pargin motioned to approve the agenda as corrected. Nathan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Steve Pargin read the minutes of the October 7, 2025 minutes. Nathan made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected (first page, fifth paragraph, word presents changed to presences).

(Second page, sixth paragraph words Mechanical Lease changed to Mechanics lien).

Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sam Perry asked questions about the budget from the Annual meeting budget numbers. Chrissy and Sam talked. Steve Pargin asked if we should bill quarterly or keep billing once a year or half year. Sam responded with what is easier for PRID.

The meeting continued to the Audit prep 2025. Ken read a letter to the group that he had sent to the recommended legal counsel by Kim Temple from Walls, Smith and Bateman our audit group.

Agenda a). Ken read a letter that was sent to the Legal counsel, in regard to the employee retirement plan. Ken is making the board of directors aware of the status. Allen stopped Ken from further explanation and moved this into Executive session under statue D-personal issues. The Audit prep is going well Hilary Pargin is reviewing the numbers before we submit them to Wall, Smith and Batemen.

Superintendent Update-

*New boat purchased for the 2026 boating season, delivered and ready to go!

*The Weedo Boat update Ken read the letter in favor of the purchase of the Weedo boat. There was discussion about the funding-12.5% from the State, and NRCS has agreed to pay 75% of the sales quote \$118,685.00 of which the NRCS will pay for \$89,013.75 of this cost. Leaving PRID with the remaining balance of \$23,737.02. The NRCS does not have a future disposal clause for us to pay back. We had budgeted \$60,000.00 for the debris clean up in the 2026 budget that funds could be used to purchase this boat. There was some discussion among board members and Ken and Mike.

Nathan made a motion to purchase the Weedoo Boat. Steve Pargin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Purchase the Weedoo Boat for the removal of the debris in Vallecito Lake.

BOR/PRID/Vallecito Community Debris collection/Disposal Activity (May 1&2) Cancellation of Activity April 1 & 2, 2026. This came as a surprise that the VCSA member Mark Rush announced this cancellation at the Marina Operating meeting and then announced it on social media. There will be no community debris clean up.

The update on the hiring of a new Recreation "Coordinator" the change of title from Recreation Manager to Recreation Coordinator, Ken is set to get in touch with two people later this week.

Marina opening date is May 1, 2026, everything is on schedule to be ready!

Update on the progress of the New PRID Domestic well installation. Ken hasn't been able to get in touch with the drilling group, Sharp Drilling. Ken has been leaving messages with no response. Lyle Sharp the owner of Sharp Drilling that is located in the San Luis Valley. Replacement permits may be needed to move forward for drilling the well.

Update on the Employee handbook- It is finally completed! The person we were using for the writing of this has retired. Changes will need to be made every two years (this is Ken's recommendation)

Update on PRID Simple IRA Retirement plan- Still waiting to see what will happen next.

Ken wants a once a year to take a closer look at the PRID Boat Fleet and make sure the Boats are up to our standards and usage.

PRID's new office computer program- Allen has suggested that we contact Ross Melton **who** is the IT manager for the Southern Ute Tribe to see what he can do to help us make the best decision possible.

Upcoming Fracking Operations with Irrigo and Catamount- Board of Director needs to be aware of the water available in September. Conversation happened among the board and Ken about the perception of how this will look to the irrigators. Allen and Nate discussed the need for a NEPA study for M & I water for a 1,000 acre feet. Amy stated that we should plan on 5,000 acres feet NEPA study. More talk to come during Executive session.

Ken complimented Mike on his every two hours for the flush and flow for the 24/hour releases of 1,650 cfs.

Dam Tender Report- Mike passed out a depressing graph around. We are seeing the spring run off a month earlier; we are comparing this year to 2002 & 2018 the water is going to go fast. This is the driest year in Colorado in 130 year. 120,000 AF at the lake as of this morning a foot till we are full.

Delinquent shareholders update-We have a policy for the irrigations side of excluding water acres. We do not have a policy for Exchange water users for non-payment. Amy suggested we talk about this in more detail later. We will be adding late fee's on April 10th to delinquent accounts and sending the second round of statements in the mail. Keep in mind we have checks in the office waiting to be accounted for. \$86,973.01 in Delinquent Exchange accounts and \$69,676.33 in Irrigation accounts as of today.

Executive Session- Allen will now accept a motion to go into Executive Session under C.R.S § 24-6-402(4)B conference with legal advice, C.R.S.§ 24-6-402(4)E Positions development and strategies, C.R.S.§ 24-6-402(4)F personal matters

Steve Pargin moved to go into Executive Session. Nathan seconded the motion. Motion passed. 7:36 pm.

Nathan motioned to come out of Executive session. Steve Pargin seconded the motion. Motion passed 9:13 p.m.

Steve Pargin moved to adjourn the meeting. Nathan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting Adjourned 9:16.