

2024 Secretary Report

In 2024 the Commission did not meet in any special meetings to create any new policies for the acequia.

The Commission did administratively appoint Mr. Luis Trujillo to serve as Treasurer until the next election in December 2025. Mr. Trujillo has a diverse background in Internet Technology and is retired from Los Alamos National Lab. He also has extensive fiscal responsibility experience having run a construction company for nearly 20 years. Ernie and myself are very pleased with the work he has done as Treasurer. Apart from aggressively pursuing delinquent accounts resulting in bringing in more than \$15,000 in revenue, he has also greatly improved the use of Quick Books for the Acequia. We thank him for his dedicated service to our Commission.

Projected on the screen is letter signed by Ernie and I directed to Century Bank wherein we removed our former Treasurer, Michael Martinez, from the Acequia's bank account and gave that access to Luis.

In another matter, the Commission continued throughout the year to attempt to jointly work with the Acequia De El Llano to manage the Press at the river in the interests of both acequias. This has been an ongoing challenge for 2 1/2 years as our Commission is more serious in attempting keep unwanted sand and silt from entering the acequia. It is expensive to remove these materials, especially when in many cases it should not have been allowed into the acequia in the first place.

This and other presa operational differences with the Acequia of El Llano are topics of ongoing discussions with JOHN SHOMAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC. a water resource consultant company that is assisting both acequias in analyzing the presa management process. I understand that Ernie received a report from the consultant yesterday and we are going to review it as a Commission then share it with the parcantes as soon as possible. I want to say that this analysis by the consultant is not costing us any money.

There are no other matters to report at the time.