

SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY  
(SSCAFCA)

MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 1991

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Judy Vanderstar Russell at 1:00 p.m.

Those directors in attendance were Judy Vanderstar Russell, John Chaney, Annette Jones, Fred Coppola, and Guy McDowell. Others present were Attorney Bernard Metzgar and Richard Farmer, Conservationist. Also present at this meeting were Tamara Morgan, Drainage Engineer with the City of Rio Rancho, and members of the public.

There is a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Judy Vanderstar Russell stated that the Board had been talking about going over the minutes prior to the meeting so time would not be taken from the meeting.

The minutes of the January 15, 1991 meeting were presented. Motion made by Judy Vanderstar Russell for approval. Motion seconded. Carried unanimously.

The minutes of the February 19, 1991 meeting were presented. Motion made by Judy Vanderstar Russell for approval. Motion seconded. Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fred Coppola made a motion to add the showing on a nine-minute tape in conjunction with item 8, which is Vista Hills Flood Conveyance. Motion seconded by John Chaney. Carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Annette Jones.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Chaney stated the rough draft from the special meeting is done; however, he will be going out of town and needs a volunteer to cover for him. Annette Jones volunteered.

OFFICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Guy McDowell asked about the status of the computer. Fred Coppola replied that he needed to hand out a list of questions that would determine what the needs would be and requested the help of the members of the Board on this.

Annette Jones questioned if the Board was investigating the City of Albuquerque taking care of payroll and what type of computer would be needed. Dick Farmer stated that it would be the same as AMAFCA's. Judy Vanderstar Russell stated that we could use any IBM compatible as long as the operating system is the same.

Fred Coppola stated that he ordered a white board and easel holder needed for presentations.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

John Chaney stated that the Board had discussed filling the positions of secretary, resource conservationist, and lawyer. Preliminary steps have been taken to fill the positions. John Chaney turned the floor over to the Chairperson, Judy Vanderstar Russell, to discuss whom we were going to hire.

Judy Vanderstar Russell said that a vote had been taken in a closed session but would like to have a final vote at an open meeting.

A motion was made by Annette Jones that we continue with our original decision of Pamela McGrath for the general administrative secretary. Motion seconded by Guy McDowell. Carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Annette Jones that we proceed with our selection that we made on Tuesday for general council, Bernard Metzgar for four years. Motion seconded by Guy McDowell. After general discussion Annette Jones rescinded her motion.

A new motion was made by Annette Jones that Mr. Metzgar be hired for a two year contract with the provision of a 30 day notice clause. Seconded by Guy McDowell. Carried unanimously.

Motion made by Annette Jones that Richard Farmer's contract be renewed for a period of at least two years, or as it phases out. Motion seconded by Guy McDowell. A discussion followed and the motion was rescinded.

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It was then moved by Annette Jones and seconded by Guy McDowell to hire both conservationists as discussed at our meeting on an on-call basis. Carried unanimously. Judy Vanderstar Russell then instructed legal counsel to prepare contracts according to the discussion for Richard Farmer and Dr. Richard Heggen.

John Chaney reported that nine applications were received for the executive director position.

STAFF REPORT

Richard Farmer stated that he has reviewed the drainage policy from AMAFCA and their agreement with the City of Albuquerque to see how it would relate to similar agreements with the City of Rio Rancho and Village of Corrales. He could not see any items in their agreement or in their policy that would prohibit it from being done. A lengthy discussion followed by the Board members, legal counsel, and the public regarding the various policies.

Mr. Farmer stated that his preliminary finding with the City of Albuquerque doing the payroll for office staff would cost SSCAFCA \$250/month for administrative cost. A discussion followed regarding cost and benefits. Dick Farmer is to schedule a meeting with Marshall Montano with the City of Albuquerque to get an exact breakdown of costs and benefits to present to the Board.

Motion made by Annette Jones to move the discussion of Chuck Easterling's proposal to a closed meeting. Seconded by Guy McDowell. The proposal is for engineering services pertaining to the outlets from the urban center ponds. Roll call vote: Fred Coppola, yes; Guy McDowell, yes; John Chaney, no; Annette Jones, yes; Judy Vanderstar Russell, no. Passed 3 to 2.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Bernie Metzgar stated the resolution passed the Senate and House and is now in Governor King's office for signature.

Mr. Metzgar read a letter from the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government, written at the request of Fred Coppola who was questioning if the Board violated any laws by voting personnel in after an adjourned meeting. Mr. Coppola maintained that the Board meeting had adjourned by motion, which was carried, prior to his leaving the meeting. A lengthy discussion followed.

The following are comments regarding the meeting in question made by the Board: The meeting was recessed in order to talk to Counsel to see if it was legal to hire two (2) conservationists. During the recess Mr. Coppola left the meeting for personal reasons. The meeting was reconvened. There being a quorum, the personnel selections were made and would be confirmed at next meeting.

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VISTA HILLS FLOOD CONVEYANCE AND LOS MONTOYAS BEDDING

Fred Coppola showed a tape in reference to Vista Hills and the flooding problem. A discussion followed regarding this problem.

Annette Jones asked Tamara Morgan, drainage engineer with the City of Rio Rancho, what the City plans to do or is in the process of doing. Tamara reported that the Vista Hills area was reviewed in 1986. There are currently 9 projects going on now including slope pavement at Rockaway and Pyrite and the area west of there; plus the City has reinforced maintenance and clearing out of arroyos and ditches.

A discussion followed and comments were received from the public.

COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS

John Chaney asked if he would be allowed to vote absentee at the next closed meeting. No decision reached except for the comment of reading resumes ahead of time and writing down comments that would indicate his vote. As long as a quorum is at the meeting and there is no tie vote, it is valid.

Annette Jones stated she would like to ask Dick Farmer to their next closed meeting as he has knowledge of exactly what is needed for the executive director position and to receive his comments. Mr. Metzgar said legally the answer is yes.

Judy Vanderstar Russell stated that lights are being left on all night for security purpose. Short discussion followed.

Judy Vanderstar Russell informed the Board that they (SSCAFCA) are on the agenda tomorrow (3/20/91) for the County Commission at 2:00 p.m. The purpose is to ask for the release of money to The Authority for the three (3) roads in Corrales to provide drainage and the widening of Ella Drive.

Judy Vanderstar Russell stated that she thought it was a very good idea that Mrs. King had regarding an educational program for the people. Would like the Board to give it some thought - maybe fliers, posters or something along that line. Fred Coppola stated that he had some plans in rough designs.

Annette Jones wanted to know if anybody was interested in going or in sending a representative to the Second National Watershed Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Farmer will advise the Board on his decision to go to the conference.

Judy Vanderstar Russell wanted to make sure everybody had the applications for executive director and suggested that they be read so discussion can be held at another closed meeting. The special closed meeting to review the applications for executive director

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will be April 2, 1991 at 9:00 a.m. Notice will be published in the Observer.

**PUBLIC FORUM**


Mrs. King suggested that all open meetings information be sent to the Bulletin Board in the Metro Plus section of the Albuquerque Journal. Judy Vanderstar Russell stated a very good idea and will be pursued.

Mr. Tingley stated since many ideas are floating around, can meetings be held twice a month. He sees a lot of time being wasted and too much going on.

The chairperson, Judy Vanderstar Russell, responded that this was discussed by the Board at their organizational meeting January 2, 1991. It was originally decided that once a month is adequate. If that remains not to be adequate, the Board would go to meeting twice a month.

Motion was made by Annette Jones to adjourn to the closed meeting to discuss personnel matters - setting of salary for general administrative secretary and proposal presented by Easterling and Associates. Seconded by Judy Vanderstar Russell. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned to closed meeting at 4:50 p.m.

  
JUDY VANDERSTAR RUSSELL  
Chairperson

  
JOHN F. CHANEY  
Secretary

Date Approved April 16, 1991