

**SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY
(SSCAFCA)
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 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 9:34 a.m.

Directors in attendance were Judy Vanderstar Russell, Fred Coppola, John Chaney, Annette Jones, and Guy McDowell. A quorum was declared present. Bernard Metzgar, legal counsel, was present. Staff members present were Richard Ramsey, Executive Director, and Pam McGrath, Administrative Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MORNING AGENDA

A motion by Annette Jones, seconded by Guy McDowell, to approve the morning agenda carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

A motion by John Chaney, seconded by Fred Coppola, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 1991, as amended, carried unanimously.

A motion by Fred Coppola, seconded by John Chaney, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 29, 1991, as written and presented, carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m. for executive session.

Executive session ended at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened into open session at 1:02 p.m. There was a roll call of directors. Directors in attendance were Judy Vanderstar Russell, Fred Coppola, John Chaney, Annette Jones, and Guy McDowell. A quorum was declared present. Bernard Metzgar, legal counsel, was present. Staff members present were Richard Ramsey, Executive Director, and Pam McGrath, Administrative Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion by Fred Coppola, seconded by Guy McDowell, to approve the agenda as presented carried unanimously.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Annette Jones informed the Board about the safety deposit box for CD's and asked the Board's consensus regarding possession of keys. The Board decided to leave one key at the office and that Annette Jones keep the other key.

A motion by John Chaney, seconded by Fred Coppola, to approve 10/7/91-11/8/91 expenditures was passed unanimously.

A motion by John Chaney to approve the treasurer's report of November 19, 1991 was seconded by Fred Coppola and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

1. Selection of Financial Advisor. A motion by Annette Jones to accept the firm of The Principal/Eppler, Guerin & Turner, Inc. as the financial advisor was seconded by Guy McDowell and passed unanimously by roll call vote.
2. Selection of Bond Counsel. Motion by Annette Jones, seconded by John Chaney, to select the firm of Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A. as bond counsel passed unanimously by roll call vote.
3. County Commission Meeting 11/20/91. Judy Vanderstar Russell reported that she will be presenting SSCAFCA's budget to the County Commission Wednesday, November 20, 1991.

BLACK'S ARROYO - SECTION 14

Gary Eyster, Army Corps of Engineers, made a presentation with a recap of activities that have occurred since the last meeting that the Corps of Engineers attended. The presentation included the expedited projects of Stapleton Elementary School and Martin Luther King School and Southern Boulevard.

Ron Rameriz, Army Corps of Engineers, discussed the Black's Arroyo Project, proposed alternatives. Mr. Rameriz informed the Board of the approximate total cost of the project, with SSCAFCA paying 25%. He explained that SSCAFCA is responsible for obtaining all land and rights-of-way, and that this cost will be credited to SSCAFCA as part of their 25% share. Mr. Rameriz also explained that SSCAFCA is also required to provide at least 5% of the total project costs in

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cash. In order to proceed, the Corps of Engineers requested a letter of intent from SSCAFCA.

A motion by Annette Jones, seconded by Coppola, to accept the concept and that a letter of intent be written to the Corps as soon as possible passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Richard Ramsey, Executive Director, gave a short presentation on SSCAFCA's long range plan.

PROJECTS FOR BOND ELECTION

1. 15th Street. Ken Medlin gave a presentation to SSCAFCA Board members regarding the flooding problems present in his neighborhood. Mr. Medlin requested that his area be taken into consideration for the bond issue.
2. Spur Road. Jerry Fossenier gave a presentation regarding Spur Road flooding problems, Mr. Fossenier stated that Rio Rancho has scheduled this project for construction; however, it is classified as a low priority.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Drainage Policy Comments. Richard Ramsey stated that he has received comments regarding the Drainage Policy. Once all comments are in, he would like to get together with Bernard Metzgar to review them. After they are reviewed appropriate comments will be incorporated into the Policy and Richard will present it to the Board.
 2. Membership MRGFCA. Richard Ramsey recommended that the Board become a member of the Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Association.
- A motion by Annette Jones, seconded by John Chaney, for SSCAFCA to join the Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Association passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bernard Metzgar, legal counsel, explained his letter of October 29, 1991, regarding the use of Flood Commissioner Funds by SSCAFCA.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

John Chaney commented that he would like Richard Ramsey to attend all council meetings, Bernalillo, Rio Rancho, and Town of Corrales. The Board members felt this was a good idea and asked Richard if he would be willing to do so. Richard stated that he would like to

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have a motion on this. When he has attended meetings in the past, some of the Board members have objected to his being there.

A motion was made by John Chaney to give Richard Ramsey the authority to go to meetings and act as a representative for the Board. The motion was seconded by Annette Jones and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Judy Vanderstar Russell read a statement she wanted in the record. This statement is attached to the minutes.


PUBLIC FORUM

Laura Warren commented to the Board regarding the funding source of SSCAFCA and how important it was for the Board to have creditability in order to pass its bond election.

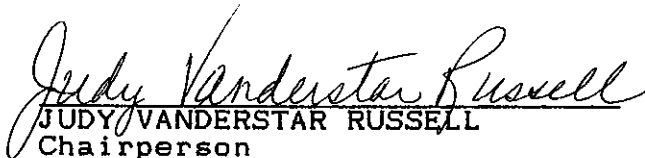
Chip Berglund, Village of Corrales, stated that the Village was vitally interested in completing the flood control work along the escarpment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Annette Jones, seconded by Guy McDowell, to adjourn the meeting was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.



JOHN CHANEY
Secretary



JUDY VANDERSTAR RUSSELL
Chairperson

Date Approved 12/8/91

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DIRECTORS COMMENTS

-Judy Vanderstar Russell

This "Directors Comment" is being read in an attempt to clear up any possible misunderstanding that may arise as a result of the Observer article of 11/6/91 entitled "Design Proposals accepted for Flood Control Projects". In this article Mr. Losack stated that he has to complete the project started several years ago, and that he told SSCAFCA to advertise for proposals for engineering designs for Dams #1 and #4. This implies that Johnnie Losack has the authority to tell SSCAFCA which project to work on and which projects to put on the bond issue. Mr. Losack does not have this authority. The Board of Directors, and only the Board of Directors decides when to go out for bid and what to put on the bond issue. The Board is, and always has been, open to suggestions from Mr. Losack or any member of the public. We are an elected body, and as such, answer to the voters for our decisions.

In terms of these particular projects, they were being discussed before Johnnie Losack was flood commissioner. There was a meeting between the first board, the City of Rio Rancho and a few other individuals shortly after the first Board was appointed. These projects were outlined by Mayor D'Arco as priorities of the City of Rio Rancho. There was some discussion at that time of having the flood commissioner, who was Alan Wylie, do these projects. It was decided and agreed to by all at that meeting that SSCAFCA as the newly created flood control board would do the projects. At that time, Johnnie Losack was chairman and Judy Vanderstar Russell was vice chairman. SSCAFCA immediately started discussing these projects as a possible bond issue.

Something that I think is very important to communicate to the public is this: The flood commissioner is an appointed official. SSCAFCA is an elected Board. The flood commissioner has absolutely no supervisory authority over SSCAFCA.

The only way the people can have input into this process is by voting on the bond issue and then electing people to occupy the Board of Directors of SSCAFCA.

I have personally met with Johnnie Losack twice recently in an attempt to foster communication with the flood commissioner and SSCAFCA and will continue my attempts at further communication between us. There are a number of misconceptions Mr. Losack seems to have about his position relative to our and I have been trying to work these out.