

**SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY  
(SSCAFCA)  
MINUTES OF MAY 19, 1992  
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 1:05 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

A motion by Annette Jones, seconded by John Chaney, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 1992 as amended, carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Annette Jones requested that under the discussion of Urban Ponds to add the Venada Channel.

A motion by Annette Jones, seconded by John Chaney, to approve the agenda as amended carried unanimously.

**UPDATE CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

Ron Ramirez representing the Corps of Engineers presented a brief update on the reconnaissance study. The study is on schedule.

Mr. Ramirez informed the Board that the Black's Arroyo, Section 14 project, is in the plans and specifications stage for approval. As soon as approval is received, Mr. Ramirez will be contacting SSCAFCA.

**URBAN PONDS AND VENADA CHANNEL**

1. Urban Ponds

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Annette Jones requested the Board to include the Urban Center Ponds and the Tree Farm Pond, which are under plan and design, on its list of projects for the bond issue as the Ponds are in the same vein as Dams #1 and #4. Mrs. Jones informed the Board that SSCAFCA would be remiss in not following through with this project due to the amount of monies that would be spent in the plan and design as the Flood Commissioner Fund would not have enough monies in his fund to complete the construction.

At this point, Judy Vanderstar Russell passed out information to Board members giving facts found regarding the Urban Ponds (copy attached). The original request for proposal stated that The total cost for Phase I, according to the signed contracts for Community Sciences of Corrales and Wilson Engineering is \$100,750 and Phase II is estimated to be approximately the same amount with construction of approximately \$500,000. The original request for engineering services stated that "Proposals will be evaluated by the Sandoval County Flood Commissioner and Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority's Board of Directors."

Annette Jones relayed a request from Commissioner Lang and the County Manager, Debbie Hays, that SSCAFCA send a letter to the Commission stating whether or not the Urban Ponds Project will be included on the bond project so that this project will be completed after the bond issue passes. A brief discussion followed by the Board.

A motion by John Chaney to include the completion of the Urban Ponds to the non-priority list was seconded by Annette Jones. After a brief discussion, John Chaney amended his original motion to include substituting the stabilization of the Los Montoyas Arroyo between NM 528 and the existing flood channel and bank stabilization of the Lomitas Negras Arroyo between 528 and the existing flood channel on the priority and put Reclining Acres to the non-priority list. Annette Jones seconded the amended motion.

Annette Jones reiterated her request that the County Commission be notified of SSCAFCA's plans regarding the Urban Ponds. Mrs. Jones stated that the planning and design of the Urban Ponds includes acquisition of right-of-way and will cost \$750,000 with construction at \$500,000, and the County needs affirmation that this project will be continued when the bond issue passes.

Fred Coppola raised a question of conflict of interest with Annette Jones on the matter of the Urban Ponds. He asked for a legal opinion. Mr. Bernard Metzgar did not want to give an opinion at that time based only on the verbal information presented and without legal research.

Fred Coppola wanted the record to show and the public to know that he is not against any repairs that have to be done. But he stated that the public knows he is a stickler for detail, and he would support this motion but would hope that the Board will still look at the causes.

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Annette Jones removed her second to the original and amended motion. Judy Vanderstar Russell then seconded the amended motion made by John Chaney, which included the language of the original motion that the Urban Ponds project be included in the non-priority list.

A statement for the record was made by Annette Jones. "You say your feeling is different from mine because of the collector ponds being less important. I want to tell you they are not less important. You are talking approximately about 450 homes and I only own bare land, so I am not getting hurt. I only have 19 acres, you're talking about 400 acres of drainage. Now, we also have the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy Ditch and this is a very expensive, expensive damage that they go through all the time. The Loma Larga Ditch, in fact the last time it also came to your place, didn't it Bob? Well, just your neighbor's. And what I'm saying is that with the amount of development down there, it should be a priority and it was when we even started this Board that the escarpment would be taken care of first. Our whole basis of even being here is because we were going to take care of the escarpment."

A roll call vote was then taken on the amended question. Roll call vote: John Chaney, yes; Guy McDowell, no; Fred Coppola, yes; Annette Jones, no; Judy Vanderstar Russell, yes. Motion passed 3 to 2.

Judy Vanderstar Russell stated that the County would be notified of the Board's decision.

2. Venada Channel

Annette Jones explained why she requested the Venada Channel to be on the priority list. She stated that the New Mexico State Highway Department is putting in a four lane highway on NM 528. From the Cuba Highway to the intersection of Highway 528 and 45, there are three arroyos, which cause considerable damage to the area. The Highway Department is taking the drainage from the west side and channeling the arroyos into the Venada, which goes right through Prices Dairy. The design is based on a 100 year flood with a 500 year overflow.

After a further discussion by the Board, Judy Vanderstar Russell informed the Board that she would have the Office Administrator find out further information on this.

A motion was made by Annette Jones to put the Venada project on the priority list, but the motion was then withdrawn by Mrs. Jones.

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OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The office administrator's report was passed out to all Board members.

Judy Vanderstar Russell went over the logo information supplied to her by Mark Peterson. A motion by John Chaney to have F/X Design design a logo for SSCAFCA and that it be green was seconded by Judy Vanderstar Russell.

After a brief discussion, the question was called. Roll call vote: John Chaney, yes; Guy McDowell, yes; Fred Coppola, yes; Annette Jones, abstain; Judy Vanderstar Russell, yes. Motion passed 4 to 0 with one abstention.

The Board requested that the rough draft of the brochure be sent to each Board member for their comments and evaluation.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Judy Vanderstar Russell reported that the talk to the Martin Luther King PTA by Mark Peterson went very well.

Judy Vanderstar Russell welcomed Fred Coppola back on the Board. Fred stated that he would not be able to resume his position as Treasurer due to prior commitments. A motion was made by John Chaney to combine the Secretary/Treasurer into one position. Motion was not seconded. Fred Coppola then stated that he would resume his Treasurer's position on a temporary basis.

Judy Vanderstar Russell introduced a resolution regarding poll worker pay schedule. Mr. Bernard Metzgar stated that the law required that the Board appoint an Authority Precinct Board for each polling place for the election.

A motion was made by John Chaney to approve a resolution appointing an Authority Precinct Board for each polling place and to pay the presiding judge \$75 and the clerks \$70 and to pay the alternates, if used on election day (partial day or full day). The motion was seconded by Fred Coppola. The motion (on the resolution) passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Bernard Metzgar stated he would draw up the resolution per the passed motion. He also stated that the Authority precinct boards were to certify results to the Secretary and the Secretary was responsible for canvassing and declaring the results of the election.

A motion was made by Annette Jones to include in the resolution that the canvassing committee consist of the Secretary of the Board, and

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one presiding judge from Rio Rancho, Corrales and Bernalillo and that they be paid \$75.00. The motion was seconded by Fred Coppola. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The update on Dams #1 and #4 from Easterling and Associates was read by Judy Vanderstar Russell. The information supplied by Mr. Easterling stated that the work is 32% complete.

LEGAL COUNCIL REPORT

No report.

John Chaney left the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Annette Jones informed the Board that the \$50,000 CD was deposited into the general fund and that the \$100,000 CD was rolled over into 4 - \$25,000 CD's for three months.

1. Approve Expenditures 4/15/92-5/11/92. Motion by Fred Coppola, seconded by Annette Jones, to approve the expenditures of 4/15/92-5/11/92 as presented, carried unanimously.
2. Approve Treasurer's Report 5/19/92. Motion by Annette Jones, seconded by Fred Coppola, to approve the treasurer's report of 5/19/92, carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

With permission by Annette Jones, Judy Vanderstar Russell read a letter to the Board from the Sandoval County Commission, Joe Lang, Chairman, in reference to the Black's Arroyo Project.

Judy Vanderstar Russell informed the Board that the Village of Corrales is requesting Board members from SSCAFCA to attend their May 26th, 1992 council meeting to discuss the upcoming SSCAFCA bond election and how the bond will effect the Corrales Watershed Board tax levy. Mr. Metzgar suggested that the Board post a Notice of Special Meeting to cover SSCAFCA in case two or more Board members attend. Staff was instructed to do the posting.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

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DIRECTORS COMMENTS

No comments.

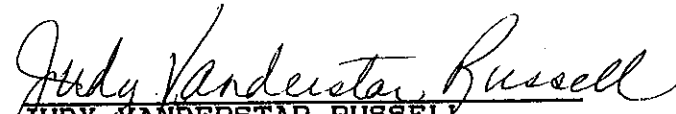
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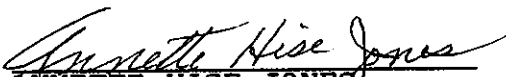
No comments.

Chairperson Russell asked Annette Jones, Secretary, when the minutes of the April 21, 1992 meeting would be ready. Annette Jones informed the Board that the office secretary would not let the original tapes out of the office, even though the tapes were transcribed. Judy Vanderstar Russell stated that no original documents, including Board meeting tapes, are allowed out of the office. Bernard Metzgar, legal counsel, stated that it was his opinion that no original documents, letters, tapes, etc., can be removed from the office.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Annette Jones, seconded by Fred Coppola, to adjourn the meeting was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

  
JUDY VANDERSTAR RUSSELL  
Chairperson

  
ANNETTE HISE JONES  
Secretary

Date Approved July 31, 1992