

**SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY
(SSCAFCA)
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2017
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER.

The regular meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by James Fahey, Chairman, at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Directors in attendance were James Fahey, John Chaney, Mark Conkling and Michael Obrey. Steve House was absent. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer, Charles Garcia, SSCAFCA's attorney, and members of the public were also present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

An announcement was made by Chairman Fahey that all electronic devices needed to be turned off during the meeting and that the microphones are voice activated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Board was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Fahey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

A motion was made to modify the Agenda by John Chaney to move Development Review to the first item under the Executive Engineer and move the Field Services Director Report to follow the Executive Engineer's Report. It was seconded by Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.

ACTION/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2017.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to accept the minutes of September 15, 2017 as presented. It was seconded by John Chaney and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM.

No comments were received.

STAFF REPORTS.

Executive Engineer:

1. Development Review.

Mr. Thomas stated that he wanted to draw attention of the Board to a few items. The Lomas Encantadas 2B development approval is pending. The Garza property is the parcel that is associated with the ROW exchange and is under review. Joe Harris Elementary is finally moving forward. Mr. Thomas stated that SSCAFCA provided \$40,000 to Joe Harris for a water harvesting demonstration project. In response to a question from Chairman Fahey, Mr. Thomas stated that no conceptual plan had been developed, it was just an agreement. The future site of Rainbow Pond summary plat required re-routing of 3rd and 4th Avenue, which was approved. In response to a question from the Board, it was noted that the design of Rainbow Pond had to be modified to accommodate the two (2) large, very high pressure gas lines.

2. Presentation of 2022 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Thomas stated that SSCAFCA hired Tim Karpoff, of Karpoff & Associates, to assist SSCAFCA with completing a Five Year Strategic Plan to complement the Business Plan and current budgetary constraints. Mr. Karpoff explained that the process he used is very participatory with staff. The goal was to create a 5 year plan with overall goals and a more detailed two year plan with specific action items. One of the key systemic problems identified in the planning process is the antiquated platting in the SSCAFCA jurisdiction, which will be accounted for in the action items.

3. Presentation on September Storms.

Mr. Schoener stated that there were several storms that impacted our jurisdiction in late September. The first storm occurred on September 27th. That storm blanketed the entire area with at least an inch of rain. The storm lasted about 12 hours and was very low intensity. This storm was only a 1-2 year event based on the intensity, however, it saturated the entire watershed. Less than 24 hours later, Mr. Schoener stated, we had a line of more intense storms that impacted portions of the jurisdiction, mainly in Unit 11, the Star Heights neighborhood. Although the total rainfall was less than an inch, the intensity was much greater, with 0.5 inches of rainfall in five minutes. Finally, the following day another storm impacted the Unit 17 area. Mr. Schoener indicated that because of the saturation from the first storm event, the successive storms had a much higher run off than would normally be expected from similar

In response to a question from Director Chaney, none of the flood damage from these storms occurred in areas where SSCAFCA has completed drainage improvements.

Field Services Director:

1. Update on Field Maintenance Activities.

Mr. Service stated that beginning the morning after the second storm, he mobilized all of our contractors to mitigate damage. All of our existing drainage facilities did not suffer significant damage, with only minimal erosion. Most of the mitigation work was cleaning out outlet structures and inlet structures. Mr. Service stated that these storms did generate a large amount of sediment and debris, requiring significant clean out efforts.

Mr. Service stated that there were three other major efforts that occurred as a result of this storm. The first was to remove a failed grade control structure in the upper Black arroyo. The existing structure was a legacy structure constructed of concrete cylinders and debris and was not an engineered structure. The next area was Saratoga Dr. on the Lomitas Negras. The existing culvert capacity was exceeded and pushes storm flow and sediment onto the road and onto Enchanted Hills Elementary School property. Mr. Thomas stated that this is the location of the upcoming Lomitas Negras Saratoga Dam.

Mr. Service stated that another grade control structure in the Montoyas Arroyo above Northern Blvd. was also damaged in this storm event. He indicated that the grade control structure was being flanked on the west side. SSCAFCA contractors were able to complete interim repairs to the structure to protect the west berm.

The final effort was in the Star Heights neighborhood which was significantly impacted. The most heavily affected area was the Lisbon Channel. The storm flow exceeded the channel capacity and flooded homes along Arlene Ct. and Arlene Rd. SSCAFCA removed several trees that were reducing the channel capacity and removed sediment from the bottom of the channel to raise the bank height. An investigation of the area shows that several residents have created channel crossings to access their backyards. This reduced the height of the berm and reduced the channel capacity. Additionally, many residents use the channel to dispose of trash and old furniture, which clogs downstream culverts and adversely impacts the function of channels and culverts. Several other smaller channels were also cleared of debris and vegetation that may have adversely impacted the function of the drainage facilities. Mr. Thomas stated that SSCAFCA is in the process of receiving funding from FEMA to permanently improve and correct flooding issues in the Lisbon channel.

Fiscal Services Director:

1. Recognition/Acknowledgement of the Fiscal Services Report for September 30 2017.

The operating property tax revenue after three (3) months of FY18 is 14.1% less than collections at the same time last fiscal year, and the debt service property tax revenue is 14.3% less as well. The collections for these months as well as for the next few months are the remainder of collections from Tax Year 2016.

General Fund expenditures fiscal year-to-date through September 30, 2017 amount to 15.45% of the total budget for the year. We are currently 25% through Fiscal Year 2018. There were 39 Single-Family Residential permits issued by the City of Rio Rancho for the month of September. Interest was earned on funds invested in State Treasurer’s Office local government program at a rate of 1.01% for the month of September. The current yield on a 90-day U.S. Treasury bill is 1.07%.

2. Action/Acceptance to Certify SSCAFCA’s Inventory of Capital Assets.

Mr. Thomas discussed the inventory report and noted a few highlights. The SSCAFCA building has received a new roof over the older portion of the building. Mr. Thomas stated that there were no furniture, equipment or vehicles added this year. In the infrastructure category, Campus Dam, the Montoyas Bank Stabilization and the Bosque de Bernalillo projects were added. Minimal ROW inventory was added this year.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to accept the property. It was seconded by Michael Obrey and passed unanimously.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Quality of Life Committee – The City of Rio Rancho held a work study to evaluate the water rates for recycled waste water and how that would apply to the Rio Rancho Golf Course.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT.

None.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS.

None.

PROPERTY MATTERS.

1. Unit 11, Block 29, Lots 26, 27 & 28 – 1.5 acres – Rainbow Pond
2. Unit 11, Block A, Lots 41 & 42 – 0.69 acres – Rainbow Pond

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to accept the property. It was seconded by John Chaney and passed unanimously.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

1. Life Roots has been designated to provide Professional Janitorial Services through Horizons of New Mexico in compliance with the New Mexico State Use Act.

OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

With no further business, Mr. Fahey declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

JAMES F. FAHEY
CHAIRMAN

MARK CONKLING
Secretary

DATE APPROVED: _____