

**SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY
(SSCAFCA)
MINUTES OF October 21
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER.

The regular meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman James Fahey, Chairman, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Directors in attendance were Ronald Abramshe, John Chaney, and James Fahey. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer was also present as was Charles Garcia, attending as SSCAFCA's attorney. Directors Conkling and Obrey were not in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Due to the serious nature of all Board Meetings, Chairman Fahey asked that all cell phones or devices that may distract participants or disrupt the meeting be turned off.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Director Ronald Abramshe to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Director John Chaney and passed unanimously.

ACTION/ACCEPTANCE of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 23, 2021

A motion was made by Director Ronald Abramshe to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 23, 2021. It was seconded by Director John Chaney and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Playa Property – Lot 9, Block 48, Unit 8 – 1.01 acres

Mr. Thomas clarified that this was a property that has started down the path of condemnation, but that the owner had agreed to settle and proceed with a voluntary sale.

A motion was made by Director Ronald Abramshe to accept the Consent Agenda of September 23, 2021. It was seconded by Director John Chaney and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM.

None. However, Director John Chaney did ask the staff to allow members of the public to continue to join the Board Meeting via Zoom.

STAFF REPORTS.

Executive Engineer:

1. Introduction of Carla Salazar, Executive Assistant, hired October 6, 2021.

Mr. Thomas introduced Ms. Salazar and provided a brief overview of her prior experience, which included working as the Deputy Clerk for the Village of Edgewood and the Grants Coordinator with the Town of Bernalillo. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Thomas stated that Carla would be taking over as Executive Assistant, and Amanda Wolf had moved into a part-time position focusing on real property acquisition for SSCAFCA.

2. Action/Approval of Resolution 2021-18 authorizing participation in capital outlay program administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation to plan, design and construct flood control improvements to the Ivory channel within the Star Heights drainage basin in the total amount of \$650,000.00

Mr. Thomas referred to the Resolution in the packet and asked if the members of the Board had any questions. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Thomas confirmed that staff had worked closely with the NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to ensure that the state capital outlay funds referenced in the Resolution would not be "federalized" as had been the standard practice of the NMDOT previously, which would significantly reduce the cost and timeframe of the Ivory Channel project.

A motion was made by Director John Chaney to approve Resolution 2021-18. It was seconded by Director Ron Abramshe.

Roll Call Vote: John Chaney: Yes, Ron Abramshe: Yes. James Fahey: Yes

The motion carried 3-0

3. Action/Approval of amendment to Personnel Policy, clarifying the probationary period for new employees.

Mr. Thomas presented the changes being made to the Personal Policy specifically to **100. APPLICATION PROCEDURES - Section 106. Publication of Open Positions**. Mr. Thomas stated that the existing language created a conflict with other changes made to the Personnel Policy in the past year by creating a second probationary period that was not the same length as referenced elsewhere in the Personnel Policy and in the existing approved job descriptions. The changes also included clarification that the Board of Directors will make the final selection for the Executive Engineer position, which was not previously stated.

A motion was made by Director Ron Abramshe to approve an amendment to the Personnel Policy 100. APPLICATION PROCEDURES - Section 106. Publication of Open Positions. It was seconded by Director John Chaney and passed unanimously.

4. Presentation of Proposed Changes to SSCAFCA Drainage Policy

Mr. Thomas presented a first draft version of proposed changes to the SSCAFCA Drainage Policy. He pointed out that the proposed changes would be significant. He indicated that he was still receiving feedback from staff and that he would like feedback from the Board. He also stated his plan to bring this item back before the Board at their next regular meeting on November 18th for additional discussion with his hope to have a final draft ready for adoption by the Board on the meeting of December 16, 2021. He did caution this may be later due to the holiday season. Director John Chaney asked if the Quality-of-Life Committee and perhaps the Executive Committee could meet to discuss the policy prior to the next regular meeting. He suggested sometime after November 10th

5. Development Review

Mr. Thomas Updated the Board on the following Development Review items:

- In the Calabacillas Watershed; Cedar Hills IV-Tract A-1 and Vista Montebella Oeste
- In the Black Watershed; Genesis Care, LLC
- In the Montoyas Watershed; Las Residencia Subdivision, Life Church Expansion, 1320 Idalia Rd. NE, Stonegate Subdivision, Phase 1
- In the Venada Watershed; Papillon Village

Fiscal Services Director:

1. Action/Approval of Resolution 2021-17 authorizing the execution and delivery of a water project fund grant agreement by and between the New Mexico Finance Authority and SSCAFCA in the total amount of \$800,000.00 for the purpose of construction of bank and levee stabilization improvements for the lower Venada arroyo.

Mrs. Casaus referenced the Resolution in the packet and asked if the Board members had any questions.

A motion was made by Director Ron Abramshe to Approve Resolution 2021-17. It was seconded by Director John Chaney.

Roll Call Vote: John Chaney: Yes, Ron Abramshe: Yes. James Fahey: Yes

The motion carried 3-0

2. Action/Acceptance of the Fiscal Services Report for quarter ended September 30, 2021

Mrs. Casaus reviewed for the Board the Fiscal Services Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2021.

A motion was made by Director Ron Abramshe to approve the Fiscal Services Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2021. It was seconded by Director John Chaney and passed unanimously.

3. Action/Acceptance to certify SSCAFCA's inventory of Capital Assets FY21

Mrs. Casaus asked for the Board to certify SSCAFCA's FY21 Inventory of Capital Assets. She referenced the listing of Capital Assets in the packet and stated that we had added approximately 3.4 million dollars in Capital Assets to the list this year

A motion was made by Director Ron Abramshe to certify SSCAFCA's FY21 Inventory of Capital Assets. It was seconded by Director John Chaney and passed unanimously.

4. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from GFOA for FY2020

Chainman Fahey introduced this item by congratulating Ms. Casaus for earning the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA for FY2020 and acknowledged the hard work and dedication that it took to earn this honor. Mr. Thomas also recognized the hard work Mrs. Casaus puts in to keep SSCAFCA on the path of proper fiscal management.

Design Services Director:

1. Action/Approval of Joint Powers Agreement with Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) for the Los Diamantes Regional Drainage Pond Outlet on the Calabacillas Main Branch Arroyo

Mr. Sanchez shared a page of a plan set on the Los Diamantes Off Site Regional Plan and stated he was seeking approval of a JPA between AMAFCA and SSCAFCA on the outfall of the Los Diamantes Regional Pond which has yet to be constructed. He stated the outfall from this project would extend into Bernalillo County but since the majority would be in SSCAFCA's jurisdiction it would make sense if we maintained the whole stretch of pipeline and outfall. He then briefly described different elements of the plan and stood for questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Director Ron Abramshe to approve a Joint Powers Agreement with AMAFCA for the Los Diamantes Regional Drainage Pond Outlet. It was seconded by Director John Chaney.

Roll Call Vote: John Chaney: Yes, Ron Abramshe: Yes. James Fahey: Yes

The motion carried 3-0

Facility Operations Director:

1. Action/Acceptance of Work Order in the amount of \$105,647.62 with Salls Construction Inc. for trucking services for sediment removal from Harvey Jones Outlet Project.

Mr. Gatterman asked for the Boards acceptance of a Work Order in the amount of \$105,647.62 with Salls Construction Inc. for trucking services for sediment removal from Harvey Jones Outlet Project. He reminded the Board that the bids for the Harvey Jones Outlet Project came in at more than double the engineers estimate and that SSCAFCA staff had met on how to proceed, and the decision was made to move forward by breaking apart elements of the project and we would be using our staff and MRGCD staff to use loaders to excavate the area, load it into trucks and haul the sediment to the landfill.

A motion was made by Director Ron Abramshe to accept a Work Order with Salls Construction Inc. for trucking services for sediment removal from the Harvey Jones Outlet Project. It was seconded by Director John Chaney and passed unanimously.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

None

PROPERTY MATTERS

None

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. US News Article – Corps of Engineers Considers Nature-Based Flood Control
2. Albuquerque Journal Article - NM Pension fund dealing with turnover at the top – 09/24/21
3. Rio Rancho Observer Article - US 550 project nearing its completion-10/10/21
4. Corrales Comment Article – Lattin Named Emergency Manager – 05/08/21
5. Corrales Comment Article/Commentry – Village of Corrales Local Election – 05/08/21
6. Corrales Comment Article – Steep Slopes – 05/08/21
7. Corrales Comment Article – Salce Park Report – 05/08/21
8. Corrales Comment Article – Jones Channel Wetlands – 09/11/21
9. Corrales Comment Article – UN Climate Change Report Text – 09/11/21

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Director Ron Abramshe to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion regarding personnel matters pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1 (H) (2). It was seconded by Director John Chaney.

Roll Call Vote: John Chaney: Yes, Ron Abramshe: Yes, James Fahey: Yes.

The members of the Board went into Executive Session at 9:23 am

1. Executive Session – Discussion regarding personnel matters pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1 (H) (2).

A motion was made by Director Ron Abramshe to come back into Open Session. It was seconded by Director John Chaney.

Roll Call Vote: John Chaney: Yes, Ron Abramshe: Yes, James Fahey: Yes.

The members of the Board came back into Open Session at 11:06 a.m.

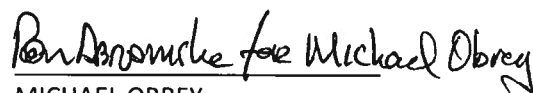
A motion was made by Director Ron Abramshe to approve the job description of Executive Engineer as amended. It was seconded by Director John Chaney

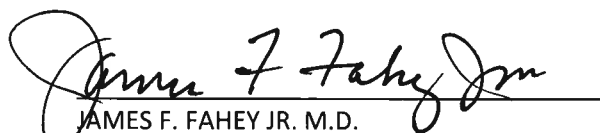
Roll Call Vote: John Chaney: Yes, Ron Abramshe: Yes, James Fahey: Yes

2. Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fahey at 11:08 a.m.


 MICHAEL OBREY
 Secretary


 JAMES F. FAHEY JR. M.D.
 Chairman

DATE ACCEPTED: 11.18.21