

SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY
Minutes of April 20, 2023
Board of Directors Regular Meeting

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

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Directors in attendance were Ronald Abramshe, John Chaney, Mark Conkling, Cassandra D'Antonio and James Fahey. David Gatterman, Executive Engineer was also present as was Charles Garcia, attending as SSCAFCA's attorney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the serious nature of all Board Meetings, Chairman Abramshe 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 Director Abramshe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Gatterman asked that the presentation from Erik Harrigan (Item 1.B.) be moved to be presented under the items from the Fiscal Services Director

A motion was made by Director John Chaney to approve the agenda as amended. It was seconded by Director James Fahey and passed unanimously.

ACTION/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023

A motion was made by Director James Fahey to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of March 16, 2023. It was seconded by Director John Chaney and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion on individual items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

PUBLIC FORUM

This section is for information purposes only, not for discussion and debate, to inform the governing body of an issue or concern that would not be addressed on the agenda during the business session. Additional comments may be made for each agenda item after presentation of the item. Because of time constraints, the public is asked to keep their comments to three minutes or less, unless approved by the Presiding Officer.

No comments from members of the public.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Engineer: Dave Gatterman

1. 2023 Legislative Session wrap-up – Larry Horan

Mr. Horan gave the Board of Directors an update on the 2023 Legislative Session. He started with the budget outlook and emphasized the legislature this year had convened for the sixty-day session amidst historic funding levels. The strong revenue growth is due mostly to high oil and gas prices and that is expected to continue for the next few years.

Mr. Horan also indicated the session featured new faces in several key leadership positions, especially in the House of Representatives, and he covered some of the battles for those leadership positions.

Mr. Horan indicated there were 1100 pieces of legislation introduced during the session. However, there were no big sweeping pieces of legislation. In the end, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed 211 bills into law from the 2023 legislative session.

Mr. Horan wrapped up by talking about the Capital Outlay Funds SSCAFCA had received this year which included the following:

Sunset Channel: \$750,000.00
Riparia Pond: \$250,000.00
Middle Venada Arroyo: \$150,000.00
Upper Venada Arroyo: \$250,000.00

He indicated SSCAFCA had a very good year and received most of the funds we had asked for, attributing that to our proven records of expending past capital outlay funds in a timely manner.

2. Briefing on Bond Election Process – Erik Harrigan

Mr. Gatterman indicated that initially we had moved this presentation back but now, since Mr. Harrigan was present, we should move forward with his presentation as originally scheduled.

Mr. Harrigan gave an update to the Board of Directors on the Bond Election Planning and Finance Plan Update. He indicated that SSCAFCA has seen strong tax base growth on average of the past 5 years, helping to create additional capacity to issue voter authorized bonds. He covered our outstanding debt service and our history of assessed value which has shown strong annual growth.

He stated our last bond election was in 2016 when voters authorized the issuance of \$21 million dollars and that he recommended, based on our capacity, that at the next bond election in November of this year, we ask the voters to authorize the issuance of \$30 million dollars.

Mr. Harrigan wrapped up by reviewing the upcoming election deadlines and mentioned that the very last day to submit election resolutions to the County Clerk was Tuesday, August 29th and we were well ahead of the curve.

3. Presentation on the Coronado Watershed Park Management Plan update – Gerhard Schoener

Dr. Schoener presented to the board a draft of the update to the Coronado Watershed Park Management Plan which covered Hydrology, Completed Projects, Required Improvements, and the Review Process.

Dr. Schoener concluded his presentation to the board by saying that we were in the Plan Review Process now and have completed the External Technical Review, and most of the Agency Review. He stated the plan would now be open for public comment until May 11, 2023 and once completed he would bring it back before the Board at the May meeting for their acceptance.

4. Update on SSCAFCA research activities – Sara Rassa

Ms. Rassa gave an update on the activities taking place at the SSCAFCA Arid Hydrology Research Area. She covered the following activities:

- Rainfall Simulator Testing and Parameter Estimation
- Test Model Performance
- Comparing the Performance of Four Loss Models

Ms. Rassa concluded that the activities on site provide insights into the impact of soil texture, initial soil moisture, and soil crust on runoff generation as well as generate guidance for infiltration model parameters estimation and improve the performance of rainfall-runoff models in arid and semi-arid regions.

Facility Operations Director: Andy Edmondson

1. Development Review

Mr. Edmondson updated the board on the following development reviews:

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| • Carriage Estates | Final Plat |
| • Club Rio Rancho | Proposed Master Plan requirements. |
| • Montreal Subdivision | Preliminary Plat & Construction Plans |
| • Lomas Encantadas 1G, Phase 2 | Final Plat |
| • Lomas Encantadas 1D Phases 1 & 2 | Preliminary Plat Extension |

2. Ivory Channel Update

Mr. Edmondson gave the Board a brief overview of the Ivory Channel Project. He covered the main project components as well as general project information such as the funding sources. He closed with some before and after pictures of the project and then stood for question from the Board.

Fiscal Services Director: Debbie Casaus

1. Action/Acceptance of the Fiscal Services Report for Quarter ended March 31, 2023

Ms. Casaus asked for approval and acceptance of the Fiscal Services Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2023

A motion was made by Director James Fahey to approve the Fiscal Services Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2023. It was seconded by Director Cassandra D’Antonio and approved unanimously.

2. Action/Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2024 Interim Budget.

Ms. Casaus asked for approval and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2024 Interim Budget

A motion was made by Director James Fahey to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Interim Budget. It was seconded by Director John Chaney and approved unanimously.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session - Discussion regarding threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1 (H)(7); specifically, the Snyder & Lindborg v Miller, et al. lawsuit.

At 11:12 am a motion was made by Director James Fahey to go into Executive Session for discussion regarding threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1 (H)(7); specifically, the Snyder & Lindborg v Miller, et al. lawsuit. It was seconded by Director Cassandra D'Antonio and approved unanimously.

At 11:24 am a motion was made by Director James Fahey to come back into Open Session. It was seconded by Director Cassandra D'Antonio and approved unanimously.

2. Potential action on Snyder & Lindborg v Miller lawsuit.

A motion was made by Director James Fahey to approve the settlement agreement on the Snyder & Lindborg v. Miller lawsuit. It was seconded by Director John Chaney.

Roll Call Vote: Cassandra D'Antonio: Yes; John Chaney: Yes.; Ron Abramshe: Yes; James Fahey: Yes; Mark Conkling: Yes.

The motion carried 5-0

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Abramashe mentioned that the work on the Venada was proceeding in a timely manner.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director D'Antonio mentioned she wanted to talk about why residents who wanted to run for the SCAFCA board needed to collect signatures to be on the ballot when no other elected offices seemed to require that. She indicated this may be a topic for our next board meeting.

Director Conkling wanted to suggest we produce a brochure showing the public what we have accomplished with bond funds, especially in light of the upcoming bond election. He also spoke about perhaps hiring a public relations firm to have on board now in anticipation of the bond election


FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. Bond Counsel Professional Services contract with Modrall Sperling has been renewed with no changes for the third year. (m/o)
2. Real Estate Appraisal Services contract with Godfrey Appraisal Services has been renewed with no changes for the second year. (m/o)
3. Real Property Acquisition On-Call Services contracts with the following contractors have been renewed with no changes for the fourth year. (m/o)

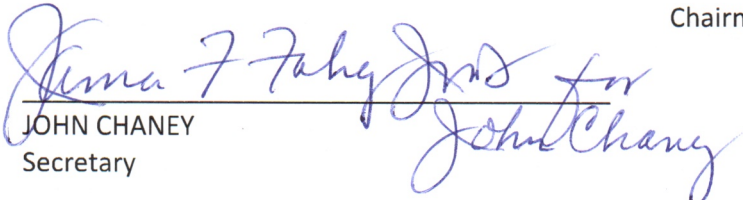
- a. Cobb Fendley
- b. Select ROW
- c. Tierra Right of Way Services
- 4. Professional Surveying Services contracts with the following contractors have been renewed with no changes for the second year. (m/o)
 - a. Bohannan Huston
 - b. Cobb Fendley
 - c. Community Sciences Corporation
 - d. Wayjohn Surveying Inc.
- 5. The oceans just reached their hottest temperature on record as El Nino looms. Here are 6 things to watch for – CNN – Saturday, April 1, 2023
- 6. Village to Take Over Control of Interior Drain from MRGCD – Corrales Comment – April 7, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Abramshe at 11:35 a.m.



Ron Abramshe
Chairman



JOHN CHANEY
Secretary

DATE ACCEPTED: _____