

SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY  
(SSCAFCA)

MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2012  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER.

The regular meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by Donald Rudy, Chairman, at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Directors in attendance were Mark Conkling, James Fahey, Steve House, and Donald Rudy. John Chaney was noted as absent. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer, Bernard Metzgar, SSCAFCA's attorney, and members of the public were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Board was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Donald Rudy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Steve House to approve the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by Jim Fahey and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Announcements were made by Donald Rudy that all electronic devices needed to be turned off during the meeting and that the microphones are voice activated.

STAFF REPORTS:

*Executive Engineer:*

1. Discussion of Hiring of new Drainage Engineer, Andres Sanchez.

Charles Thomas stated that SSCAFCA has formally hired Andres Sanchez as the new drainage engineer. He presented some of Andres Sanchez' background and stated that he would start as SSCAFCA's new Drainage Engineer on Monday, January 23, 2012.

2. Presentation of SSCAFCA Application for EPA Urban Watershed Grant.

Mr. Thomas stated that the Corrales Bridge project would involve expansion of the box under the Corrales Bridge and construction of two water quality facilities at the head of the Lomitas Negras and Harvey Jones Channel. In addition, SSCAFCA was made aware of the opportunity to apply for a federal grant through the EPA to obtain funding for revitalization of an urban watershed area. The final application is due next Monday. The amount of money will probably be less than \$100,000.00 if it was awarded to SSCAFCA. He indicated that other local entities have also applied. Some money was awarded last year in SSCAFCA's jurisdiction. The options of the project are not to raise the bridge, but rather to expand it to add a third culvert.

3. Discussion of Expanded Recycling Program at SSCAFCA.

Mr. Thomas stated that the SSCAFCA office has contracted with Waste Management to expand its recycling program. Previously, voluntary efforts had been undertaken, but it is now formally addressed with a recycling program. Mr. House indicated that, to go along with the recycling program, the Agenda and Board packets should be on PDF format which saves postage and paper.

4. Discussion of Rio Rancho Village Development Proposal, Sandia View, LLC.

Mr. Thomas stated that some projects have come through the City of Rio Rancho that are of particular concern to SSCAFCA. The next development is the Rio Rancho Village Development and is located just north of the Rust Medical Center. One of the principals is Robert Geringer. There are several outstanding items from previous developments that Mr. Geringer has been involved with, most notably the 19th Street Dam, the remaining elements of property that are required to be delivered to SSCAFCA and the third is the landscaping which was identified to be completed along Westside Boulevard, which have not yet been done. Those three items will be discussed with Mr. Geringer next week, along with a development agreement for the new Rio Rancho Village Development Proposal.

*Fiscal Services Director:*

1. Recognition/Acknowledgment of the Fiscal Services Report for December 31, 2011.

Deborah Casaus presented the Fiscal Services Report for December 31, 2011 in the Board's packets. She stated that property tax collections for both operating and debt service are much higher than typically seen in the past, about \$237,000.00 higher in operating and \$320,000.00 in debt service. She had a meeting with County and City officials to discuss collections. Basically, the Treasurer's office said that mortgage companies just paid earlier this year. There were also several foreclosures in the area, but the upside is that the property taxes are collected right away. General Fund Expenditures at December 31, 2011 amount to 26.1% of the budget and SSCAFCA is

currently 50% through the budget year. There were 37 single family residential permits issued by the City for the month of December and 301 to date. This total is about 30% lower than it was last year. Interest earned through the State Treasurer's office is at a rate of .227% which has held month to month.

Ms. Casaus stated that in the meeting with the County and the City, the County stated that it has identified \$60 million in new commercial construction for 2011 which will go on the tax rolls for next year, which is a plus for SSCAFCA. On the down side is that they are still doing reappraisals and re-evaluations. Indications are that it will probably balance out or SSCAFCA will see a slight increase. Another change in the County office is that they are beginning to pick up partially completed construction, so if a house or some development is 50% complete, at that point they will add it to the tax rolls at that value. She revised the graph under the budget expenditures and it has been broken up. Personnel and training is at 37% and other fixed expenditures is at 17%.

The Fiscal Services Report for December 31, 2011 was recognized and acknowledged by the Board.

2. Action/Acceptance of Contract Renewal with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for On-Call Engineering Services.

Deborah Casaus recommended contract renewal for on-call engineering services with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. with no changes to rates.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to accept the contract renewal with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. as presented. It was seconded by Jim Fahey and passed unanimously.

*Environmental Services Director:*

1. Update on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Watershed Tour.

Trevor Alsop stated that EPA visited the Middle Rio Grande Region this past Wednesday and Thursday. He and Chuck had a meeting with the overall Watershed Permitting Group and EPA and continued to meet and try to craft the framework for this upcoming permit. He and Chuck Thomas prepared SSCAFCA's proposal and continue to advance what they think the permit should look like. A lot of the Sandoval County entities support SSCAFCA's format and he feels like the EPA was receptive to the proposal. He anticipates that SSCAFCA's proposal will be incorporated when EPA finally does go to draft the permit. The meeting then rolled into Thursday where EPA actually took a tour of all the watersheds that will be part of the permit. About half the

day was spent in the Sandoval County area and the latter half of the day was spent in the Bernalillo County area. He joined for the Sandoval County portion of the tour. They got up to the headwater areas of SSCAFCA's jurisdiction and came down through the middle portion of Rio Rancho. They got to highlight some of what SSCAFCA is doing with regard to its permit. He thinks EPA was impressed with the Sportsplex facility. Another thing the EPA representative was attuned to was the arroyo corridors. The tour ended at the SSCAFCA office.

There are potential future visits by EPA before the permit deadline, but EPA's travel budget may not permit future direct meetings with EPA. If the permit is not ready to "hit the ground running" by the deadline date, EPA will continue SSCAFCA's current permit, but the new permit will be issued some time this year. He stated that the representative did view the Sandoval County levies as they crossed the river and again crossing Alameda.

Mr. Alsop stated that the EPA would like to see, in the new permit, stormwater management practices that seek to reduce volume of stormwater runoff. The excess volume created by impervious surfaces is partially responsible for the pollutants in the river. The integration and implementation of that will still need to be undertaken, but SSCAFCA is ahead of the curve in this regard. Mr. Rudy stated that SSCAFCA has a good working relationship with the State on these issues.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS.

Mr. Conkling stated that he was curious if SSCAFCA could put recycling in its development agreements and that it be required. Mr. Thomas stated that is something that can be looked at, but he is not sure how it might work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

None.

PROPERTY MATTERS.

None.

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ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

None.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

1. Sandoval Signpost Article, "Rainwater harvesting approved by SSCAFCA Board" (January 2012).
2. Rio Rancho Observer Article, "Student winners come up with recycling essays" (January 8, 2012)

PUBLIC FORUM.

None.

OTHER BUSINESS.

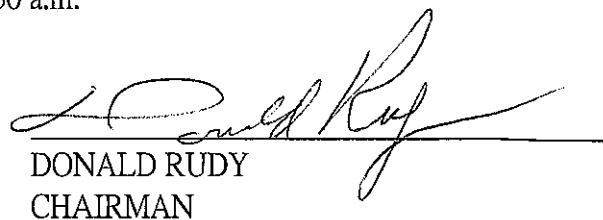
- Next Regular Board Meeting is on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Jim Fahey and seconded by Steve House to adjourn the meeting. It was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



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STEVE HOUSE  
Secretary

  
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DONALD RUDY  
CHAIRMAN

DATE APPROVED: 2/17/12