

SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY  
(SSCAFCA)  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2015  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER.

The special meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by Donald Rudy, Chairman, at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Directors in attendance were John Chaney, James Fahey, Steve House, and Donald Rudy. Mark Conkling 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

SELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/PRESIDENT OF THE AUTHORITY.

- Passing of the Gavel

John Chaney nominated James Fahey as Chairman of the Board and President of the Authority. It was seconded by Donald Rudy and passed unanimously.

Mr. James Fahey assumed his position as Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the Authority.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Donald Rudy to approve the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by John Chaney and passed unanimously.

SWEARING IN NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS:

- MICHAEL OBREY

- Signing of the "Oath of Office".

Michael Obrey was sworn in as a newly elected Board Member. The Oath of Office was read and signed by Mr. Obrey.

Mr. Rudy stepped down as a Board member.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Chair Pro Tem of the Board of Directors/President Pro Tem of the Authority.

- Steve House, alternate John Chaney

Secretary of the Board of Directors.

- Mark Conkling

Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

- Michael Obrey

Jim Fahey stated that the officers set forth above have been selected to serve in the state positions. There were no objections to the selections.

ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS BY THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Fahey made the following committee appointments:

1. Executive Committee. James Fahey appointed James Fahey as Chair and Steve House as Chair Pro Tem, with Bernard Metzgar and Chuck Thomas also on the committee. He appointed John Chaney as the alternate.
2. Budget Committee. James Fahey appointed Michael Obrey as Chair (Treasurer) and Mark Conkling (Secretary), Debbie Casaus and Charles Thomas as the Budget Committee, with James Fahey as the alternate.
3. Personnel Committee. James Fahey appointed John Chaney as Chair and Mark Conkling, Catherine Conran and Charles Thomas as the Personnel Committee, with Steve House as the alternate.
4. Lobbyist/Legislative Liaison Committee. James Fahey appointed James Fahey as Chair and John Chaney, Catherine Conran and Charles Thomas as the Lobbyist/Legislative Liaison Committee, with Mark Conkling as the alternate.
5. Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) Board Representatives.

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- a. Water Resources Board. James Fahey appointed James Fahey to the Water Resources Board, with Steve House as the alternate.
  
- b. Board of Directors/Executive Board. James Fahey appointed James Fahey to the Executive Board with Steve House as the alternate.
  
- c. Metropolitan Transportation Board. James Fahey appointed Steve House to the Metropolitan Transportation Board with Charles Thomas as the alternate.

A motion was made by John Chaney to approve the committee memberships as set forth above. It was seconded by Steve House and passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL.**

- 1. Resolution 2015-1, Notice for Meetings.  
Resolution 2015-2, Designation of Official Newspaper.  
Resolution 2015-3, Check Signing Authorization.  
Resolution 2015-4, Designation of Legal Holidays.

Mr. Thomas presented Resolution 2015-1 and stated that the Resolution complies with the Open Meetings Act and sets the location and date and time for all the Board meetings. A motion was made by John Chaney to approve Resolution 2015-1 as presented. It was seconded by Steve House.

Roll call vote: John Chaney, yes; James Fahey, yes; Steve House, yes; Michael Obrey, yes. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Thomas presented Resolution 2015-2. He stated that there are no changes from the previous year with the Albuquerque Journal designated as SCAFCA's official newspaper and The Observer designated as an additional newspaper. A motion was made by John Chaney to approve Resolution 2015-2 as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey.

Roll call vote: John Chaney, yes; James Fahey, yes; Steve House, yes; Michael Obrey, yes. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Thomas presented Resolution 2015-3 and stated that all checks must be signed by two people and that all checks exceeding \$20,000.00 will need to be countersigned by at least one Board member. A motion was made by John Chaney to approve Resolution 2015-3 as presented. It was seconded by Steve House.

Roll call vote: John Chaney, yes; James Fahey, yes; Steve House, yes; Michael Obrey, yes.  
The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Thomas presented Resolution 2015-4 which sets out SSCAFCA's legal holidays. A motion was made by John Chaney to approve Resolution 2015-4 as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey.

Roll call vote: John Chaney, yes; James Fahey, yes; Steve House, yes; Michael Obrey, yes.  
The motion carried 4-0.

**STAFF REPORTS.**

***Executive Engineer:***

1. Presentation on SSCAFCA Business Plan.

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that the SSCAFCA Business Plan's inception was in 2010/2011. Since he came on board in 2011, he has worked with staff to continue to update the Plan. One of the new additions to the business plan is a section on right-of-way acquisition. Two other additions are legislative activity and funding diversification. He went through the general contents of the Business Plan especially for the benefit of Michael Obrey.

Mr. Thomas stated that for watershed planning, there are three basic levels, the Watershed Park Management Plans, which are the large regional plans that SSCAFCA has developed. The two most significant additions to that is first the Willow Creek Watershed Management Plan, which was developed in house by Gerhard. This addresses a small wedge of watershed between the Barrancas and Venada Watersheds. The larger one, which should be coming to the Board for approval soon is the Callabacillas Watershed Park Management Plan. SSCAFCA is partnering on that with AMAFCA. SSCAFCA has completed the majority of its work in house with some third party consultation on the development of some facilities. Staff is waiting on AMAFCA for the portion in Bernalillo County. It is likely that staff will seek approval of an interim plan for the portion that is within SSCAFCA's jurisdiction.

Mr. Thomas stated that the conversion of the hydrologic modeling from AHYMO to the HEC-HMS model is another issue worth noting. The HMS model is developed through the Army Corps of Engineers. The last remaining watershed is the Zia Watershed. This is the small watershed that drains to the northeast in the far corner of SSCAFCA's jurisdiction. It trends toward

the Jemez River. This is the only watershed which does not drain directly to the Rio Grande River. This Watershed Management Plan is slated for development later this year or early 2016. In the interim, staff intends to update the remaining watershed plans with the change in facilities identified over the past three or four years.

Mr. Thomas stated that one of the other tasks staff has taken on is the hydrologic model calibration. Because the models are the basis of all of the planning documents and identify everything about SSCAFCA's projects, it is important to be as accurate with those models as can be done. SSCAFCA continues to try to take those models and adjust them for local jurisdictional characteristics.

Mr. Thomas stated that with regard to right-of-way acquisition, SSCAFCA now has about 2,700 acres of land in fee ownership, with an additional 660 acres in granted easements. Eight years ago, property values were at an all time high in this area. Under those conditions, property acquisition was much more restrictive. With the economic depression, those values dropped precipitously, in some cases they became less than a tenth of what they were before the crash. Right now, the developable land which has utilities adjacent to it is between \$25,000 - \$30,000 per acre. The drop in value has allowed SSCAFCA to acquire more property in a very fiscally responsible way.

Mr. Thomas stated that a key element of public infrastructure is the Capital Improvement Plan. This has taken on heightened importance in recent years in the Governor's office. Each entity's ICIP is reviewed for all funding going through state funding sources. Another important aspect is the drainage infrastructure development. Historically, all of the major documents were developed through third party consultants. However, SSCAFCA has been able to take a large percentage of that work in-house and is developing its own internal designs. It is not anticipating ever taking all design and bidding in-house because there are skill sets that SSCAFCA does not have that require third party consulting services. There is a savings to SSCAFCA by doing most of the work in house. SSCAFCA also continues to reach out to the development sector to enrich its contacts and stay in touch with the community.

Mr. Thomas stated that SSCAFCA continues to nurture its relationship in the legislature to educate them on SSCAFCA's needs and to identify projects for which SSCAFCA seeks funding through the capital outlay program. One of the key things is that SSCAFCA has more needs than there is funding. One of the strategies is to take an aggressive look at funding opportunities and nurture those relationships as well. One of the benefits of going through the property acquisition to date has left SSCAFCA with several parcels of property adjacent to flood control facilities that are not currently being used for flood control. There is an opportunity to take some land that SSCAFCA

currently owns and put in a storage facility for maintenance equipment there. Staff continues to look at opportunities to incorporate more O&M into its in house responsibilities.

***Fiscal Services Director:***

1. Action/Acceptance of Selection/Agreement for Professional Lobbyist Services.

Ms. Deborah Casaus stated that an RFP was issued for selection of a lobbyist. Two responses were received. The committee selected Lawrence Horan, Ltd. Staff is asking for acceptance of that agreement. It is a new negotiated contract. The old contract's rate was \$36,000 per year. The asking amount for this contract is \$41,400 per year. In response to a question from the Board, Ms. Casaus stated that the other proposal received was from Landrith, Larabiss and Suazo. They did not give a flat rate, but estimated between \$65,000 and \$85,000 per year.

A motion was made by Steve House to accept the agreement with Lawrence Horan, Ltd. as presented. It was seconded by John Chaney. Roll call vote: John Chaney, yes; James Fahey, yes; Steve House, yes; Michael Obrey, yes. The motion carried 4-0.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

None.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS.**

None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

None.

**PROPERTY MATTERS.**

None.

**PUBLIC FORUM.**

None.

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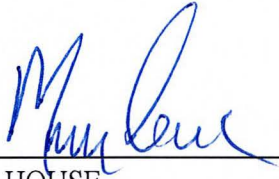
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OTHER BUSINESS.

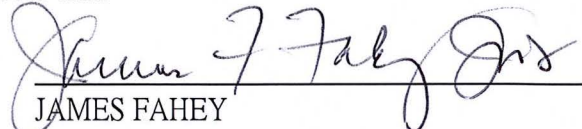
- Next Regular Board Meeting is on Friday, January 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Steve House and seconded by John Chaney to adjourn the meeting. It was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



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STEVE HOUSE  
Secretary

  
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JAMES FAHEY  
CHAIRMAN

DATE APPROVED: 1/16/15