# SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY (SSCAFCA)

# MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2016 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 9:00 a.m.

### ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

An announcement was made by James 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 James Fahey.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

## ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2016.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve the minutes of May 20, 2016 as presented. It was seconded by John Chaney and passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC FORUM.

None.

### STAFF REPORTS.

#### Executive Engineer:

# 1. <u>Presentation on Construction Projects.</u>

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that SSCAFCA currently has two projects under construction, the Montoyas Bank Stabilization Project and the Campus Dam Project. Mr. Thomas showed some photos of the Montoyas Bank Stabilization Project. Mr. Thomas stated that the Montoyas Bank Stabilization Project was almost complete, and the contractor, Salls Bros. Inc., was ahead of schedule on construction. Mr. Thomas showed the main components of the project, the slope paving, which extends above the Ordinary High Water mark and below grade to below scour depth to ensure it will not be affected by erosion from major storm events. The slope paving also extended to the north side of the channel where the flow would be directed. The project essentially freezes a meander in place with the two curved slope paving structures. However, there has been staff turn-over at the NM Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), which is funding the project and staff have been working with DHSEM to answer project bidding and award questions to ensure compliance with funding Agency requirements. Mr. Thomas explained that because of the steep slope, the arroyo bank above the slope paving was protected by a fabric, Armor Max, to keep the bank from eroding. In response to a question from Director Chaney, Mr. Thomas indicated that the fabric was seeded and hoped it would help establish vegetation. The whole site still needs to be seeded.

Mr. Thomas then moved to the second project, the Campus Dam. Mr. Thomas showed some photos of the Montoyas Bank Stabilization Project. Mr. Thomas explained that this project was nearing substantial completion and was expected to be complete by the end of July. The two primary features, both constructed of soil cement, are the outlet embankment and the inlet structure. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Thomas stated that the project would reduce peak flows down to 500 cfs from approximately 1500 cfs and the area would be seeded afterward. In response to a question from Director Chaney, Mr. Thomas stated that an open space trail circling the facility was planned and was being coordinated with the open space trail currently under design by CNM for construction on CNM property adjacent to our facility.

### 2. Action/Approval of Project Priorities for upcoming Bond Election.

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that in preparation for the upcoming bond election, staff have identified a series of project priorities for the future bond funds. Mr. Thomas stated that he felt it was important to provide a list of specific projects that were intended for the bond funds for the public to be able to understand more clearly where the bond funds were being proposed for use. However, it is also important to retain some flexibility within the list so that SSCAFCA could respond to an unforeseen flood risk event.

Mr. Thomas stated that in general, the projects would move 'upstream' within each arroyo. Projects would be completed closest to the river and then progressively move upstream. This

has been modified in the SSCAFCA jurisdiction based on where the development has occurred. Mr. Thomas stated that in addition to flood control projects, there were two other priorities for the bond The first was to continue acquisition of Right of Way (ROW). Mr. Thomas explained that SSCAFCA has been aggressive in acquiring ROW for future facilities to ensure that the footprint is secure. Chairman Fahey stated that SSCAFCA did not want to go through a similar situation as in 2010 when SSCAFCA was forced to buy a newly completed house and demolish it for a flood control facility. The second priority was to increase our internal ability to respond to flood events by acquiring a dump truck and backhoe or similar equipment. Director Conkling stated that he was concerned about this option as buying the equipment was only the beginning, that we would then need to house the equipment, maintain it, buy insurance, etc., summarizing that this type of purchase resulted in a lot of other expenditures and possible liabilities. Director Chaney asked how we currently respond to flood situations. In response to both questions, Mr. Thomas stated that staff had researched a location for a storage building which could be located on the existing SSCAFCA office property, and that it would be constructed incorporating the same design guidelines as the existing buildings so it would match and incorporate water harvesting. Mr. Thomas also stated that we currently have on contracts for routine maintenance of all our facilities as well as on call contracts for large sediment removal needs. He also stated that the reason to acquire the equipment is so that SSCAFCA has the ability to respond in case all of our on call contractors are busy. Chairman Fahey clarified that including this as a possible bond issue topic did not obligate SSCAFCA to proceed with it, which Mr. Thomas confirmed.

Mr. Thomas then presented a series of maps. The first map showed the existing watersheds in the SSCAFCA jurisdiction. The second map showed the historic pattern of development, which Mr. Thomas pointed out occurred across the watershed boundaries, in the opposite direction of flow, so each watershed was more or less equally impacted by the different stages of development. The third map showed projects which have been identified as prospects for funding under the new bond election. Director Conkling asked if staff had considered the Quality of Life Plan and noted that the projects did not specifically mention any multi-use features. Director Chaney asked if the projects would incorporate multi-use features. In response to these questions, Mr. Thomas stated that this presentation was focused on locations for projects based on flood risk mitigation, although each project would be evaluated for multi-use projects and alignment with the Quality of Life Masterplan. Mr. Thomas stated that he hadn't prepared the presentation to incorporate multi-use considerations, but indicated that he would provide an update to the Board at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve the projects for the upcoming Bond Election. It was seconded by John Chaney and passed unanimously.

3. Action/Approval of Resolution 2016-7 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that all public agencies are required to update their ICIP annually. It is managed through the Department of Finance and Administration and requires a thirty day public posting and opportunity for public comment. This meeting today serves as the closing of the thirty day period. In response to a question from Chairman Fahey, Mr. Thomas stated that SSCAFCA had not received any public comment.

A motion was made by John Chaney to approve the Resolution as presented. It was seconded by Mark Conkling. Roll call vote: John Chaney, yes; Mark Conkling, yes; James Fahey, yes. The motion passed 3-0.

#### 4. Presentation on Lower Montoyas Water Quality Facility ribbon cutting.

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that ribbon cutting was very successful and well attended. Key attendees included U.S. Senator Udall, U.S. Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, a representative of U. S. Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham, Mayor Kominiak of Corrales, Mayor Hull of Rio Rancho, State Senator Sapien, State Representative Pacheco, Lieutenant Colonel Booth of the US Army Corps of Engineers. Lt. Colonel Booth was recently assigned to the Albuquerque District Office from his previous posting in Detroit.

Mr. Thomas stated that Senator Udall, Congressman Lujan, Mayor Hull and Mayor Kominiak gave speeches on the project supporting the completed project. Mr. Thomas stated that he and Chairman Fahey got an opportunity to talk to Senator Udall for about 15 minutes, essentially privately, about the project. This meeting was a very nice compliment from the Senator. Chairman Fahey stated that senator Udall had worn his tennis shoes and wanted to walk the facility, but his handlers would not let him take enough time to leave the immediate area due to other commitments that day.

#### Fiscal Services Director:

#### 1. Recognition/Acknowledgment of the Fiscal Services report for May 31, 2016.

Ms. Deborah Casaus stated that the Fiscal Services Report for May 31, 2016 is in the Board's packets. Property tax revenue is coming in as anticipated. SSCAFCA is 11 months through its fiscal year. General fund expenditures through May 31 are at about 47.8% of the total budget and is currently 92% through the fiscal year. The City of Rio Rancho is at 39 single family residential permits issued for May, which puts it at 249 permits for the year 2016. Interest earned on the State

Treasurer's funds was at a rate of .387% for the month of May. The Treasury Bill is yielding about .249%.

The Fiscal Services Report for May 31, 2016 was recognized and acknowledged by the Board.

2. <u>Action/Approval of contract renewal with RBC Capital Markets with no requested changes.</u>

Ms. Deborah Casaus stated that the contract with RBC Capital Markets was up for renewal with no requested changes.

A motion was made by John Chaney to approve the contract renewal with RBC Capital Markets. It was seconded by Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.

3. Action/Approval of contract renewal with American Fence with no requested changes.

Ms. Deborah Casaus stated that the contract with American Fence was up for renewal with no requested changes.

A motion was made by John Chaney to approve the contract renewal with American Fence. It was seconded by Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.

Environmental Services Director:

## OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.

None.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

None.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

None.

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS.**

None.

## PROPERTY MATTERS.

None.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

- 1. Rio Rancho Observer article, "Officials mark completion of flood control project to protect Corrales," (06/05/2016).
- 2. <u>Rio Rancho Observer article, "Flood control authority plans several projects this summer,"</u> (06/12/2016).

# OTHER BUSINESS.

Next Regular Board Meeting is on Friday, July 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

# ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by John Chaney and seconded by Mark Conkling to adjourn the meeting. It was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

JAMES FAHEY

**CHAIRMAN** 

MARK CONKLING

Secretary

DATE APPROVED: 7/19/14

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