SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY (SSCAFCA)
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2018
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 9:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Directors in attendance were James Fahey, John Chaney, Steve House, Mark Conkling and Michael Obrey. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer was present, as well as Charles Garcia, attending as SSCAFCA’s attorney. Members of the public were also present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

An announcement was made by Chairman 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 Chairman Fahey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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


A motion was made by Steve House to accept the minutes of September 21, 2018 as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM.

Mr. Ron Abramshe, representing the Alegria subdivision, stated that he has met with Dave Gatterman regarding clean out of the channel leading into the Venada Arroyo and wanted an update. Mr. Gatterman indicated that he would address this under his report.

Mr. Patrick Marquez, of Corrales, also indicated that would like a follow up on his presentation of public comments from the last Board Meeting. Mr. Marquez stated that he provided photos of the northwest corner of his property. He stated he would like this item added to the regular Agenda. Mr. Marquez indicated that he would like SSCAFCA to prevent storm water from entering his property. He
also stated he is concerned that the recent improvements to adjacent SSCAFCA property were not engineered correctly.

**STAFF REPORTS.**

**Executive Engineer:**

1. Action/Approval of the Exchange Agreement between SSCAFCA and Beta Investments, LLC.

   Mr. Thomas stated that this agreement is regarding the land exchange in the Village of Corrales Northwest Sector. SSCAFCA proposed to exchange a portion of property adjacent to the Lower Montoyas Water Quality facility for property that contains the Tortugas Arroyo and will allow SSCAFCA to construct the Industrial Park Water Quality project and divert the water from the Tortugas to the upper bay of the Lower Montoyas Water Quality facility.

   Mr. Thomas stated that this Agreement covers all of the required elements, such as obtaining appraisals, in order to proceed with the exchange. The developer, Beta Investments, is seeking this Agreement to be able to move forward with the development of the surrounding area as a solar farm.

   A motion was made by Michael Obrey to approve the Exchange Agreement with Beta Investments, LLC. It was seconded by Steve House and passed unanimously.

2. Development Review.

   Mr. Thomas stated that there are very few items this month. The first item is the development of the Garza property, which was the subject of the previous ROW exchange with SSCAFCA and is moving forward with development. The Cleveland Heights subdivision development contains a drainage channel which the developer is proposing to dedicate to SSCAFCA upon completion. Mr. Thomas indicated that this would be subject to an Agreement which will be brought before the Board.

**Fiscal Services Director:**


   Ms. Casaus indicated that General Fund expenditures fiscal year-to-date through September 30, 2018 amount to 19% of the total available budget for the year. We are currently 25% through Fiscal Year 2019.

   There were 25 Single-Family Residential permits issued by the City of Rio Rancho for the month of September, about 26% higher than last year. Finally, she stated that interest was earned on funds invested in State Treasurer’s Office local government program at a rate of 2.04% for the month of September. The current yield on a 90-day U.S. Treasury bill is 2.2%.
A motion was made by Mark Conkling to accept the fiscal services report as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey and passed unanimously.

2. Action/Acceptance to Certify SSCAFCA’s Inventory of Capital Assets.

Ms. Casaus, stated that the certification is required annually by the State Auditor’s Office. This inventory includes all of the buildings, vehicles, equipment, infrastructure, intangible assets, which currently stand at $91.9 million at cost, depreciation amounts to $13.4 million for a net value of $78.4 million.

In response to a question from the Board, Ms. Casaus stated that we are required to book depreciation in accordance with GASB 34. For infrastructure, we depreciate them at a life cycle of 70 years.

A motion was made by Steve House to accept the fiscal services report as presented. It was seconded by Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.

Facility Operations Director

1. Public announcement of the availability of SSCAFCA’s MS4 Annual Report for the 2017-2018 reporting cycle.

Mr. Gatterman stated that he is announcing the opening of the public comment period for the 2017-18 reporting cycle. Mr. Gatterman noted that the Rio Grande has been de-listed for E.coli in the upper two segments within our jurisdiction. Mr. Gatterman stated that the efforts of the MS4 Cooperative are proving successful.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Gatterman stated that we are in full compliance with the MS4 permit.

Mr. Gatterman also stated that our current permit will expire in December of 2019.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.

None.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT.

None.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.

In response to a request for follow up from the public comment period, Mr. Gatterman stated that he has a quote from one of our on-call contractors to excavate the excess material from the box outlets and allow the pond and channel in the Alegria subdivision to drain fully. He stated that the cost for this effort is approximately $6k - $7k and this would have to re-occur after every major storm event that hits the Venada Channel. He stated that this is a short-term solution.
Regarding a longer-term solution, Mr. Thomas indicated that SScAFCA had met with the Bureau of Reclamation and had received informal approval for the proposal to grade the channel to the river, which would permanently lower the elevation of the existing Venada Arroyo and prevent further build up within the facilities draining from the Alegria Subdivision.

In response to a question from the Board, the long-term solution is not required to incorporate water quality components as the Enchanted Hills Dam, the primary source of flow into this channel, contains water quality elements.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS.

Mr. Thomas noted that SScAFCA held a Work Study for the Board on compliance with the EEOC requirements.

PROPERTY MATTERS.

None.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

1. Rio Rancho Observer Article, “Project to Create River Boardwalk, Business Area,” (9/30/2018) (m/o)
2. ABQ Biz First Article, “Unique NM Project on the Riverfront Breaks Ground,” (10/05/2018) (m/o)

OTHER BUSINESS.

- Next Regular Board Meeting is on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fahey at 9:29 am.

JAMES FAHEY
Chairman

STEVE HOUSE
Secretary

DATE APPROVED: 11/16/2018