SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY  
(SSCAFCA)  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2019  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER.

The regular meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by James Fahey, Chair Pro Tem, at 9:01 am.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Directors in attendance were James Fahey, Steve House, John Chaney and Mark Conkling. 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 Chair Pro Tem 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 Chair Pro Tem Fahey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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


A motion was made by Mark Conkling to accept the minutes of August 23, 2019 as presented. It was seconded by John Chaney and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM.

Ron Abramshe, President of the Alegria Home Owners Association, also speaking on behalf of the Santiago Master Development, stated that he appreciated Andy Edmondson providing an update at the Santiago’s Residents Meeting about the drainage issues and SSCAFCA’s planned approach.

STAFF REPORTS.

Executive Engineer:
1. **Action/Approval of Resolution 2019-24 Support and Commitment to Seek Funding From the Water Trust Board.**

Mr. Thomas stated that this resolution was necessary to seek funding from the Water Trust Board. Mr. Thomas stated that SSCAFCA would be seeking up to $625,000 in support for the Tributary A Dam.

A motion was made by Steve House to approve Resolution 2019-24 as presented. It was seconded by Mark Conkling. Roll call vote: Mark Conkling, yes; Steven House, yes; John Chaney, yes; Chair Pro Tem Fahey yes. The motion carried 4-0.

2. **Development Review.**

Mr. Thomas stated that there are three items of note. The first item is the Mariposa North Drainage Management Plan and Drainage Implementation Plan, both currently unapproved. These submittals have been adjusted to reflect the vacation of the drainage easements by the Board previously. The next item is the expansion of the Lomas Encantadas development, and the last item is a zone amendment south of the SSCAFCA office to allow the creation of a business park near the Los Diamantes development.

**Fiscal Services Director:**

1. **Results of the 2019 Bond Sale and Refunding.**

Ms. Casaus stated that on August 26, 2019, SSCAFCA had a rating call with Moody’s, which went very well. SSCAFCA retained it’s Aa2 rating and there was indication that SSCAFCA could move to Aa1 in the future.

On Monday September 9th, Ms. Casaus stated we had the pre-pricing call and then the sale was executed on September 10th. Initially the early bonds sold right away, but the later bonds were not selling well, likely because the interest rate for municipal bonds had just hit an all time low, which created resistance among buyers. In response, our financial consultant recommended adjusting the yield from 3% to 4%. This increased our true interest cost from 1.84% to 1.96%, which is still the lowest interest rate SSCAFCA has received for its bonds.

In response to a question from the Board, Ms. Casaus stated that $15 million of voter approved bonding authority is still available for future bond sales.

2. **Action/Approval of Selection/Agreement for Professional On-Call Engineering Services for State/Local Funded Projects**

Ms. Casaus stated that we advertised for on-call engineering services and the selection of firms was divided into specific categories. Fifteen firms responded to the RFP with one being deemed non-responsive. The Selection Committee recommended the following consultant selections by category:

**Hydrology, Hydraulics, and Scour Analysis**

a. Smith Engineering Company
b. HDR, Inc.
c. Tetra Tech, Inc.
d. Bohanran Huston, Inc.
e. Wilson & Company
Engineering Design & Construction
a. Smith Engineering Company
b. Wilson & Company
c. Bohannan Huston, Inc.
d. Conley Engineering
e. HDR, Inc.
f. RESPEC

Planning – Level Analysis
a. Smith Engineering Company
b. HDR, Inc.
c. Tetra Tech, Inc.
d. Conley Engineering
e. WHPacific, Inc.

Resident Project Representative
a. Smith Engineering Company
b. Wilson & Company, Inc.
c. Bohannan Huston, Inc.
d. HDR, Inc.

Regulatory Compliance (Environmental)
b. Tetra Tech, Inc.
c. Weston Solutions, Inc.

Regulatory Compliance (Non-Environmental)
a. ESP Associates, Inc.
b. Wilson & Company, Inc.
c. RESPEC
d. Tetra Tech, Inc.

A motion was made by Steve House to approve the selection of the Engineering Firms as recommended by the Selection Committee. It was seconded by Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.

Design Services Director:

1. Action/Approval of Selection/Agreement with RESPEC for Engineering Design and Construction Phase Services for the Lisbon Pond pending DHSEM approval.

Mr. Thomas stated that Mr. Sanchez was unavailable and that he would address this item. Mr. Thomas stated that we had also advertised an RFP to complete the design for the Lisbon Dam, which has been funded through the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM). Mr. Thomas stated that there were three respondents and the Selection Committee recommended award of the project to RESPEC for engineering design and construction phase services. Mr.
Thomas stated that this would be pending concurrence and approval by DHSEM. A motion was made by Steve House to approve awarding the contract to RESPEC. It was seconded by John Chaney and passed unanimously.

**Facility Operations Director:**

1. **Action/Approval of Resolution 2019-25 SSCAFCA’s Adoption of the Sandia County Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

   Mr. Gatterman stated that this mitigation plan is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to receive any funding from FEMA. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is for the entire County of which SSCAFCA is a participant. The plan was recently approved by FEMA and this Resolution will document SSCAFCA’s adoption of the plan.

   A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve Resolution 2019-25 as presented. It was seconded by John Chaney. Roll call vote: Mark Conkling, yes; Steven House, yes; John Chaney, yes; Chair Pro Tem Fahey yes. The motion carried 4-0.

2. **Action/Approval of authorization to purchase skid-steer loader and attachments for maintenance crew at a cost not to exceed $90,000.00.**

   Mr. Gatterman stated that this is being purchased for use by out maintenance crew. The Skid steer itself is just over $55,000. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Gatterman stated that this purchase does not include a trailer to haul the equipment. In response to a separate question, Mr. Gatterman stated that the warranty is typically 300 hours of use.

   Mr. Gatterman stated that the maintenance would be completed per factory recommendations. Mr. Gatterman stated that we are looking into creating an off-site storage yard that is secured. The site is being proposed for the northern portion of the Black Arroyo right of way near Southern Blvd. Director Conkling noted that this should increase the responsiveness of SSCAFCA for maintenance issues. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Gatterman stated that the location for the off-site storage yard is currently in the process of re-zoning.

   In response to another query, Mr. Thomas stated that the budget for the current year does included funding set aside for the salary and benefits of the new employees.

   A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve the purchase of the skid steer and attachments. It was seconded by Steve House and passed unanimously.

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

None.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT.**

None.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.**

None.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS.

Director Conkling asked if the acquisition of the Playa properties would be covered by SSCAFCA insurance. Chuck Garcia, SSCAFCA Counsel, indicated that these properties would receive equal coverage in terms of liability, etc., as the rest of the SSCAFCA property and facilities. Mr. Thomas also stated that these properties would be included in the SSCAFCA Inventory of Assets.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Thomas stated that once acquisition of these parcels was complete, each area would have any trash removed, the interior roads would be ripped to promote infiltration and the area would be securely fenced. Mr. Thomas also confirmed that these would be incorporated into the multi-use planning of SSCAFCA, although the funding agency is requiring these parcels to be placed into conservation status.

In response to further questions from the Board, Mr. Garcia clarified that the current Board could restrict these parcels with a conservation easement in perpetuity. Mr. Thomas also confirmed that future development adjacent to the playas could incorporate permitted multi-use items into the playa areas.

PROPERTY MATTERS.

1. Action/Acceptance Unit 07, Block 51, Lot 12-A – 0.50 acres – Cactus Pond
2. Action/Acceptance Unit 07, Block 51, Lot 13-B – 0.50 acres – Cactus Pond
3. Action/Acceptance Unit 07, Block 51, Lot 13-C – 0.50 acres – Cactus Pond
4. Action/Acceptance Unit 07, Block 56, Lot 21 – 2.00 acres – Cactus Pond

Mr. Thomas stated that there were four lots for approval. The four lots are necessary to be able to complete the Cactus Ponds Project.

Steve House moved acceptance of all four properties. It was seconded by Director Conkling and passed unanimously.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

1. In accordance with Resolution 2019-21 Acquisition of Property for the Calabacillas Playa Project, the following properties have been acquired:

   U06, Blk 49, Lot 19 – 1.00 acres
   U07, Blk 19, Lot 6 – 0.50 acres
   U06, Blk 48, Lot 19 – 1.00 acres
   U06, Blk 47, Lots 19 & 20 – 2.00 acres
   U07, Blk 19, Lot 5 – 0.50 acres
   U08, Blk 52, Lot 6 – 1.00 acres
   U08, Blk 52, Lots 27 & 28 – 2.00 acres
   U07, Blk 22, Lot 15 – 0.50 acres
   U06, Blk 48, Lot 10 – 1.00 acres
   U06, Blk 47, Lot 18 – 1.00 acres
   U06, Blk 48, Lot 16 – 1.00 acres
   U08, Blk 51, Lot 1 – 0.76 acres
2. Corrales Comment Article, "Alameda Drain Trail Could Serve as Model for Corrales," (8/24/19) (m/o)

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2019 at 9 am.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pro Tem Fahey at 9:42 a.m.

MICHAEL OBREY
Chairman

STEVE HOUSE
Secretary

DATE ACCEPTED: 10/7/19