

**SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY  
(SSCAFCA)**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF January 20, 2022  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

The regular meeting of the SCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by James Fahey, Chairman, at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.**

Directors in attendance were Ronald Abramshe, Mark Conkling, Cassandra D'Antonio and James Fahey. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer was also present as was Charles Garcia, attending as SCAFCA's attorney. Director Chaney was not in attendance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Due to the serious nature of all Board Meetings, Chairman Fahey asked that all cell phones or devices that may distract participants or disrupt the meeting be turned off.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

The Board was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Fahey.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

A motion was made by Director Ronald Abramshe to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Director Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.

**ACTION/ACCEPTANCE of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 16, 2021.**

A motion was made by Director Mark Conkling to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 21, 2021. It was seconded by Director Ronald Abramshe and passed unanimously.

**ACTION/ACCEPTANCE of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 3, 2022.**

Chairman Fahey corrected the committee assignments to the Mid Region Council of Governments, Executive Board and Metropolitan Transportation Board. Both Boards were assigned to Director D'Antonio as primary and Director Abramshe as Alternate. A motion was made by Director Mark Conkling to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 3, 2022, as amended. It was seconded by Director Ronald Abramshe and passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

*All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion on individual items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

1. Action/Acceptance of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2022
2. Action/Acceptance of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022
3. Action/Acceptance of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2022

A motion was made by Director Mark Conkling to accept the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by Director Ronald Abramshe and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM.**

This section is for information purposes only, not for discussion and debate, to inform the governing body of an issue or concern that would not be addressed on the agenda during the business session. Additional comments

may be taken for each agenda item after presentation of the item. Because of time constraints, the public is asked to keep their comments to three minutes or less, unless approved by the Presiding Officer.

None.

**STAFF REPORTS.**

***Executive Engineer:***

1. Action/Approval of Resolution No. 2022-05; Arroyo Bed Conservation Policy

Mr. Thomas stated that this resolution had been developed in response to the research completed by our Senior Hydrologist, Dr. Gerhard Schoener. Dr. Schoener presented information on the importance of infiltration within arroyo beds.

In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Schoener explained that this was similar to direct injection practices, however, the infiltration capacity of natural arroyo beds was in equilibrium naturally and did not require the capital investment and associated operation & maintenance expense that comes with injection pumping. Mr. Thomas also noted that the positive impact on existing groundwater resources was also in alignment with the Rio Rancho Estates Action Plan adopted by Sandoval County.

**A motion was made by Director Mark Conkling to approve Resolution 2022-05 for Arroyo Bed Conservation Policy. It was seconded by Director Ronald Abramshe .**

**Roll Call Vote: Cassandra D'Antonio: Yes, Mark Conkling: Yes, Ron Abramshe: Yes, James Fahey: Yes  
The motion carried 4-0**

***Fiscal Services Director:***

1. Action/Acceptance of the Fiscal Services Report for quarter ended December 31, 2021.

Mrs. Casaus reviewed for the Board the Fiscal Services Report for the quarter ended December 30, 2021.

**A motion was made by Director Mark Conkling to approve the Fiscal Services Report for the quarter ended December 30, 2021. It was seconded by Director Ron Abramshe and passed unanimously.**

2. Action/Acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (FY 2021 Audit) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Ms. Casaus stated that this was the fourth year in which SSCAFCA had prepared an annual comprehensive financial report and submitted it to GFOA for consideration for the award for financial excellence in reporting. Ms. Casaus provided highlights of the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Report. SSCAFCA had once again received an unmodified opinion, which was the best, highest opinion that an agency could receive. There were also no findings. Ms. Casaus stated that the 2021 audit did have some challenges as it was conducted remotely for the most part, which contributed to some delays in response times.

In response to a question from the Board, Ms. Casaus stated that staff did investigate taking independent action regarding the ongoing PERA and OPEB liability, but since the Legislature had enacted changes last session that will reduce the unfunded liabilities, staff was not recommending any action at this time until the efficacy of the legislative changes could be assessed.

**A motion was made by Director Mark Conkling to accept the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. It was seconded by Director Ron Abramshe.**

**Roll Call Vote: Cassandra D'Antonio: Yes, Mark Conkling: Yes, Ron Abramshe: Yes, James Fahey: Yes**

**The motion carried 4-0**

**Facility Operations Director:**

1. Action/Acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Rio Rancho for reimbursement of expenses incurred during the construction of the Harvey Jones Outlet, Effluent Component Project.

Mr. Gatterman asked for approval of the MOU with the City of Rio Rancho utilities department. Mr. Gatterman explained that SSCAFCA had agreed to be the project manager for the work and had overseen the bid and award. The MOU was for the awarded bid amount of \$287,080.00, and SSCAFCA would be 100% reimbursed for the project. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Gatterman explained that this project was only to relocate the existing outfall of the treated waste water from the City of Rio Rancho to provide a continuous water source for the habitat enhancements completed with the rest of the overall project. Mr. Gatterman clarified that this project would not affect the water quality and that the City of Rio Rancho was responsible for monitoring the effluent quality to the Rio Grande regardless of the shift in the point of discharge.

**A motion was made by Director Ron Abramshe to approve the selection/agreement for the Harvey Jones Outlet Project; Effluent Component. It was seconded by Director Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.**

2. Presentation and Open for Public Comment - Quality of Life Master Plan Update

Mr. Gatterman presented the final draft of the Quality of Life Masterplan update to the Board, including a review of some of the projects identified in the update. He explained that this document was supplementary to the original Quality of Life Plan, in that the original plan presented a broad vision and this update included specific projects which could be implemented, including the Outer Loop Trail.

Mr. Gatterman also said that the presentation at this meeting was also to open the document for public review and comment prior to final adoption by the Board. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Gatterman confirmed that the document is being distributed to all of our partner public agencies, the City of Rio Rancho Parks and Recreation Division, The Town of Bernalillo, Village of Corrales and Sandoval County.

Director Mark Conkling complimented the updated plan and said that it exceeded his initial expectations. He encouraged broad distribution of the plan, including to all of the current Mayoral and Council candidates running for election.

3. Development Review.

Mr. Gatterman did a quick review of the following development projects:

- Corrazon del Bosque.
- Idalia Crossing Subdivision.
- Paseo Gateway Rezoning.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. Executive Session – Discussion regarding threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, (§ 10-15-1(H)(7)).

**A motion was made by Director Cassandra D’Antonio to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion regarding personnel matters pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1 (H) (2). It was seconded by Director Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.**

**The members of the Board went into Executive Session at 10:47 am**

**A motion was made by Director Mark Conkling to come back into Open Session. It was seconded by Director Ron Abramshe and passed unanimously.**

**The members of the Board came back into Open Session at 11:07 am Chairman Fahey stated that no decisions had been made during the Executive Session**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

1. Action/Approval of personnel contract for the incoming Executive Engineer

**A motion was made by Director Mark Conkling to approve the contract for the incoming Executive Engineer, David Gatterman. It was seconded by Director Cassandra D’Antonio and passed unanimously.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS**

None

**PROPERTY MATTERS**

None

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**


None

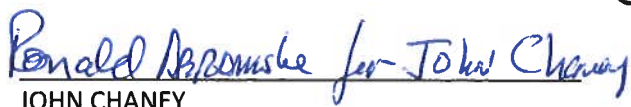
**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fahey at 11:10 a.m.

  
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 JAMES F. FAHEY JR. M.D.  
 Chairman

  
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 JOHN CHANEY  
 Secretary

DATE ACCEPTED: Feb. 17, 2022