SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY (SSCAFCA)

MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by James Fahey, Chairman, at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Directors in attendance were John Chaney, Mark Conkling, James Fahey, and Michael Obrey. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer, Charles Garcia, SSCAFCA's attorney, and members of the public were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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.

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

Passing of the Gavel

John Chaney nominated James Fahey Jr. as Chairman of the Board and President of the Authority. It was seconded by Mark Conkling and passed unanimously electing Mr. Fahey as Chairman and President of the Authority.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Michael Obrey, alternate Mark Conkling

Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Steve House

Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

John Chaney

A motion was made by John Chaney to nominate and elect the officers as set forth above. It was seconded by Mark Conkling and passed unanimously electing the officers of the Authority as set forth above.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Fahey made the following committee appointments:

- 1. <u>Executive Committee</u>. James Fahey appointed James Fahey as Chair and Michael Obrey with Charles Garcia and Chuck Thomas also as members of the committee. He appointed John Chaney as the alternate.
- 2. <u>Budget Committee</u>. James Fahey appointed John Chaney as Chair (Treasurer) and Steve House, Debbie Casaus and Charles Thomas as the Budget Committee, with James Fahey as the alternate.
- 3. <u>Personnel Committee</u>. James Fahey appointed Steve House as Chair, Michael Obrey and Charles Thomas as the Personnel Committee, with Mark Conkling as the alternate.
- 4. <u>Lobbyist/Legislative Liaison Committee</u>. James Fahey appointed James Fahey as Chair, John Chaney and Charles Thomas as the Lobbyist/Legislative Liaison Committee, with Mark Conkling as the alternate.
- 5. <u>Quality of Life Committee</u>. James Fahey appointed John Chaney as Chair and Mark Conkling, Jim Service and Charles Thomas as the Quality of Life Committee.
- 6. Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) Board Representatives.
 - a. <u>Water Resources Board</u>. James Fahey appointed James Fahey to the Water Resources Board, with Steve House as the alternate.
 - b. <u>Board of Directors/Executive Board</u>. James Fahey appointed James Fahey to the Executive Board with Steve House as the alternate.
 - c. <u>Metropolitan Transportation Board</u>. James Fahey appointed Andres Sanchez to the Metropolitan Transportation Board with Charles Thomas as the alternate.

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

1. Resolution 2018-1, Notice for Meetings.

Resolution 2018-2, Designation of Official Newspaper.

Resolution 2018-3, Check Signing Authorization.

Resolution 2018-4, Designation of Legal Holidays.

Mr. Thomas presented Resolution 2018-1 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 pass and approve Resolution 2018-1 as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey.

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

Mr. Thomas presented Resolution 2018-2. He stated that there are no changes from the previous year with the <u>Albuquerque Journal</u> designated as SSCAFCA's official newspaper and <u>The Observer</u> designated as an additional newspaper. A motion was made by John Chaney to pass and approve Resolution 2018-2 as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey.

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

Mr. Thomas presented Resolution 2018-3 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 pass and approve Resolution 2018-3 as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey.

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

Mr. Thomas presented Resolution 2018-4 which sets out SSCAFCA's legal holidays. A motion was made by John Chaney to pass and approve Resolution 2018-4 as presented. It was seconded by Mark Conkling.

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

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Engineer:

Legislative Update.

Mr. Thomas introduced Mr. Larry Horan, who is the state lobbyist for SSCAFCA. Mr. Horan presented information on the upcoming 30-day state legislative session, which begins on January 16, 2018. Mr. Horan stated that as a 30-day session, or short session the Legislature is limited to considering items that are revenue bills, appropriations, or matters that result from a message from the Governor. This is the last session under Governor Martinez. He indicated that it is likely that the Legislature will seek to limit matters to budgetary issues only.

Mr. Horan stated that this year's revenue picture is much brighter, with about \$199 million in new money for the state budget, which is a direct result of increased oil production in the Permian Basin. The overall state budget is approximately \$6.2 billion. However, he cautioned that there are several unknown factors, such as the approximately \$400 million in tax protests pending, which could negatively impact the available new money.

Regarding capital outlay, Mr. Horan stated that the Legislature anticipates \$184 million in funds available to support capital projects this year, in contrast to last year, when there was no capital outlay and an aggressive sweep of unexpended funds. He stated that the Sandoval County Legislators will be hosting their annual capital outlay forum for anyone seeking capital outlay to present their requests.

In other issues, Mr. Horan noted that the election bill, which would change the SSCAFCA Board elections, may come up again this session. Mr. Horan noted that he will monitor for it. Mr. Horan also provided information on possible tax reform that may occur in this session.

Action/Acceptance of Regular Committee Meeting Schedule

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that he has sent out a memo to the Board regarding establishing a regular schedule for all the SSCAFCA committee meetings. He stated that the Executive Committee will meet every month, the Budget Committee, Personnel Committee and the Quality of Life Committee will meet every other month with the meetings being staggered, and the Lobbyist/Legislative Liaison meeting occurring on a tri-annual basis, i.e., before the legislative session, after the legislative session, and then in the fall as a preparatory meeting for the next year's activities.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve the regular committee meeting schedule as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey and passed unanimously.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

In response to a request from the Board, Mr. Thomas stated that no information had been received regarding the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) complaint that was filed last year. Mr. Garcia added that the recent experience of his firm is that the EEOC is understaffed which is delaying administrative processing within the EEOC.

In response to a separate request from the Board regarding the Rio Rancho Golf Course. Mr. Thomas informed the Board that he had been in communication with Mr. Josh Skarsgard, the owner for the Rio Rancho Golf Course property. Mr. Thomas stated that Mr. Skarsgard has requested SSCAFCA to be the holder of a Conservation Easement over the property should a golf course not be viable. As part of that easement, Mr. Thomas stated that he informed Mr. Skarsgard that SSCAFCA would not be responsible for general maintenance and upkeep of the property, and would not receive any property encumbered by a State Groundwater Discharge Permit. Mr. Thomas also stated that the zoning application would come up at the January 9, 2018 Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Rio Rancho.

PROPERTY MATTERS

None.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Next Regular Board Meeting is on Friday, January 19, 2016 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 9:43 a.m.

STEVE HOUSE

Secretary, Board of Directors

DATE APPROVED: