

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

**MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2020  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

The regular meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by Michael Obrey, Chairman, at 9:01 am.

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.**

Directors in attendance were John Chaney, Mark Conkling and Michael Obrey. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer was present, as well as Charles Garcia, attending as SSCAFCA's attorney.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

An announcement was made by Chairman Obrey 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 Obrey.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

A motion was made by John Chaney to approve the Agenda. It was seconded by Mark Conkling.

Roll call vote: Mark Conkling, yes; John Chaney, yes; Michael Obrey, yes. The motion carried 3-0.

**ACTION/ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**

A motion was made by John Chaney to accept the minutes of May 21, 2020 as presented. It was seconded by Mark Conkling.

Roll call vote: Mark Conkling, yes; John Chaney, yes; Michael Obrey, yes. The motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC FORUM.**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS.**

***Executive Engineer:***

1. Action/Approval of task order authorizing \$94,667.76 for Wilson & Company to complete a technical update of the Venada Watershed Park Conservation Plan.

Mr. Thomas stated that following the adoption of the new hydrology methodology developed by our Senior Hydrologist, Gerhard Schoener, we are proposing to update each of the watershed management plans for each of the major watershed basins. This project will also include updating the existing and proposed land use, re-evaluation of all the major crossing structures and identification of any areas of flood risk. This task order is for Wilson & Company to complete this update for the Venada Watershed Park Conservation Plan.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve the task order for Wilson & Company in the amount of \$94,667.76. It was seconded by John Chaney.

Roll call vote: Mark Conkling, yes; John Chaney, yes; Michael Obrey, yes. The motion carried 3-0.

2. Action/Approval of Resolution 2020-07 Support and Commitment of the Land & Water Conservation Fund for Black Arroyo Wildlife Park.

Mr. Thomas stated that the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLPP), a subdivision of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, had issued a notice of funding opportunity for eligible projects. The LCWF provides federal grant funds at a 1 to 1 match ratio. Resolution 2020-07 is for the support of an application for up to \$350,000 in federal funds, which requires a commitment of \$350,000 in bonds funds from SCAFCA.

Mr. Thomas stated that the funding available under this opportunity is for the creation of recreational open space projects that improve outdoor recreation options for underserved communities. The project being proposed is for the improvement of the Black Arroyo Wildlife Park. Mr. Thomas stated that the project would include additional trails, rainwater harvesting shade structures, an arroyo overlook and educational signage. The project is ideally located in an area of Rio Rancho that currently does not have extensive trails or outdoor recreational opportunities. The project area is also located adjacent to the Maggie Cordova Elementary School, which could benefit from the project. The project also includes a concept to capture the well wash water from a Rio Rancho municipal well and use this resource to irrigate up to 300 trees to be planted within the Black Arroyo Wildlife Park. This project is supported by the City of Rio Rancho, the Nature Conservancy, the Maggie Cordova Parent Teacher Organization and several local developers.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Thomas confirmed that this would be like an inner city bosque area.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve Resolution 2020-07 as presented. It was seconded by John Chaney.

Roll call vote: Mark Conkling, yes; John Chaney, yes; Michael Obrey, yes. The motion carried 3-0.

3. Action/Approval of Resolution 2020-08 Amendment to Personnel Policy.

Mr. Thomas stated that this resolution was to approve amendments to the existing Personnel



Policy adopted in December of 2019. Mr. Thomas indicated that although the current personnel policy was only passed relatively recently, it did involve a very comprehensive series of changes. After adoption and implementation, several technical corrections were identified, and some additional changes were proposed to improve the formatting and clarity of the policy.

Some definitions were added in the general definitions section. Under Section 200 - Condition of Employment, a change to clarify use of compensatory time, alternative work schedules, and removal of reference to the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). Most significantly, the section pertaining to substance abuse was combined with the new material added in Section 1010. In Section 400 – Benefits, the use of leave was clarified as well as insurance and deductions information. Section 500 - Employee Benefits, was significantly modified to clarify the categories of development and add a 'claw-back' clause for employees not completing conditions of the personal development. In Section 900 – Safety/Weapons, the Safety and Health Procedures document was included as Attachment C. In Section 1000 – Miscellaneous, sub-Section 1010 was modified to include the non-repetitive portions from Section 200 referenced previously, non-pertinent definitions were removed and drug standards that were more restrictive than existing state and federal statutes were removed. Finally, in sub-Section 1011, the portion of the substance abuse policy applicable to CDL License holders, all of the material which was already listed in sub-Section 1010 was removed to make the section more easily understandable.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve Resolution 2020-08 as presented. It was seconded by John Chaney.

Roll call vote: Mark Conkling, yes; John Chaney, yes; Michael Obrey, yes. The motion carried 3-0.

#### 4. Development Review.

Mr. Thomas reviewed the developments projects currently active. The Hawksite development drainage management plan revisions are still under review. Similarly, the drainage report for the Garza property, which is adjacent to the Venada Arroyo, is also still under review. Lastly, the review of the Los Diamantes regional pond drainage report is still ongoing. This proposed pond will be located upstream of the subdivision and will divert storm flows due south to the Calabacillas Arroyo.

#### ***Fiscal Services Director:***

##### 1. Action/Approval of Selection/Agreement for Financial Advisor Professional Services.

Ms. Casaus asked for the approval to award a contract to RBC Capital Markets as our financial advisor. We issued RFP 2020-03 and received one proposal from RBC Capital Markets. Ms. Casaus stated that they are currently the top financial consulting firm in New Mexico and have acted as our financial advisor for the past twenty years.

A motion was made by John Chaney to approve the award of a contract to RBC Capital Markets. It was seconded by Mark Conkling.

Roll call vote: Mark Conkling, yes; John Chaney, yes; Michael Obrey, yes. The motion carried 3-0.

**Facility Operations Director:****1. Presentation on Public Art.**

Mr. Gatterman presented information on a public art project that was completed on the energy dissipator spillway at Enchanted Hills Dam by a private citizen. The artist had requested permission to paint a heart on the spillway as a tribute to his wife for Valentine's Day. Mr. Gatterman presented pictures of the completed artwork. Mr. Gatterman has stated that the artist may be interested in pursuing other public art projects on our facilities.

Director Conkling stated that this was a welcome addition and presented information on the public art process that was used for the Gateway Pond Flood Wall. Director Conkling asked if staff could coordinate with the City of Rio Rancho to re-establish a public art committee for future opportunities with SSCAFCA facilities. Mr. Gatterman stated he would look into it. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Gatterman indicated that the Lomas Encantado Channel and the Harvey Jones Channel received the most graffiti.

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Director Conkling stated that the Personnel Committee previously reviewed and approved the proposed Personnel Policy changes. Director Conkling also stated that the changes to the Personnel Policy greatly improved the Policy.

Director Chaney stated that he would prefer to hold the next Quality of Life Committee meeting and other meetings in person, if possible.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

None.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

None.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS.**

None.

**PROPERTY MATTERS.**

None.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**

1. Corrales Comment Article, "Romero Rd. Entrance to Preserve gets Makeover," 6/6/20
2. RR Observer Article, "Sandoval County Picks Former State Auditor as Manager," 5/31/20

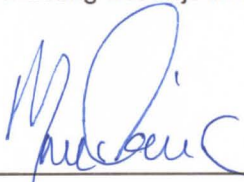
3. Corrales Comment Article, "Intel Drainage Project May Prevent Flooding Below," 5/9/20

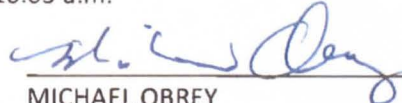
**OTHER BUSINESS**

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2020 at 9 am.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Obrey at 10:03 a.m.

  
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Mark Conkling  
Secretary

  
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MICHAEL OBREY  
Chairman

DATE ACCEPTED: 7/16/2020