

**SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY  
(SSCAFCA)  
MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2021  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

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

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.**

Directors in attendance were John Chaney, Ronald Abramshe, Mark Conkling and James Fahey. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer was present, as well as Charles Garcia, attending as SSCAFCA's attorney. Michael Obrey 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 John Chaney to approve the Agenda. It was seconded by Ronald Abramshe.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM.**

There were no request for comments from the public regarding an issue or concern that was not addressed on the agenda during the business session. Mr. Thomas acknowledged the members of the public who were present and who wished to comment on specific agenda items after they were presented.

**STAFF REPORTS.**

***Executive Engineer:***

1. **Presentation of results of Golf Course Open Space Acquisition Survey**

Mr. Thomas presented the Board with the results of the Golf Course Open Space Acquisition Survey. Mr. Thomas stated that SSCAFCA had contracted with a public relations firm in February of 2021 to set up a website exclusively for the purpose of providing the public with the information, obtained through

SSCAFCA's research efforts, related to the former RR Golf Course. The information was then used to formulate a survey to collect public opinion on the potential acquisition of open space by SSCAFCA. Mr. Thomas stated that the general survey results included 370 responses received between March 22, 2021 and April 6, 2021. The average time spent on the survey was six (6) minutes with a 100% completion rate by all who started the survey. Mr. Thomas summarized the results of the survey Q&A's and opened the floor for questions. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Thomas stated that over half of the survey participants were aware of an open space concept.

Public comment was given following the Presentation of results of the Golf Course Open Space Acquisition Survey. Residents expressed concerns about how the open space would be used. Residents offered their suggestions on open space use. Residents expressed concern regarding LD2's lack of responsiveness. P&Z Board Member representing City of Rio Rancho (CORR) District 4, suggested that SSCAFCA review the CORR Ordinance regarding the classification and official zoning of special use for golf course open space in a residential development before accepting any form of open space.

2. Action/Approval of Resolution 2021-07 Establishing Conditions for Acceptance of Rio Rancho Golf Course Open Space Property. (m/o)\*

Mr. Thomas presented the Board with the proposed Action/Approval of Resolution 2021-07 Establishing Conditions for Acceptance of Rio Rancho Golf Course Open Space Property. Mr. Thomas stated that the resolution outlined all of the prerequisites that would need to be met prior to SSCAFCA accepting area #2 and area #3 of the donation, which included a maintenance yard and a research area for field hydrology. The Resolution also included setting aside up to \$100,000.00 in financial assistance for drainage improvements from bond funds for the Rio Rancho Golf Course Open Space Property.

Mr. Thomas stated that acquiring areas #2 and #3 were beneficial to SSCAFCA. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Thomas clarified that the approval of Resolution 2021-07 was to approve SSCAFCA's conditions prior to any action of actual acquisition. Mr. Thomas further stated that LD2 was under no obligation to accept the conditions proposed in the resolution presented.

Public comment was given following the presentation of Resolution 2021-07 Establishing Conditions for Acceptance of Rio Rancho Golf Course Open Space Property. Residents expressed their appreciation for SSCAFCA's consideration of possibly accepting the former RR Golf Course Open Space. Residents commented on what their expectations were regarding future improvements and use of the open space. The attorney representing LD2 responded to public comment regarding LD2's lack of responsiveness. LD2's attorney stated that LD2, SSCAFCA and the City of Rio Rancho had not yet come to an amicable, comprehensive solution regarding the former RR Golf Course and that further discussions needed to take place before any agreements could be finalized. Residents expressed their concerns if SSCAFCA decided against accepting any of the open space donation of the former RR Golf Course, as SSCAFCA appeared to be the only entity currently considering the offer.

The Board directed Mr. Thomas to meet with the City of Rio Rancho regarding the current requirements associated with the outstanding zoning action as well as identifying the costs associated with planning and designing improvements for the property.

A motion was made by John Chaney to table the Action/Approval of Resolution 2021-07 Establishing Conditions for Acceptance of Rio Rancho Golf until a future date. It was seconded by Ronald Abramshe.

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

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

None.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS.**

None.

**PROPERTY MATTERS.**

None.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**


None.


**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fahey at 11:08 a.m.

  
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JAMES F. FAHEY JR. M.D.  
Chairman

  
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MICHAEL OBREY  
Secretary

DATE ACCEPTED: 6-17-2021