

Minutes of Regular Meeting 14 July 2009

1. Call to Order at 3:05PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Reyes
3. Roll Call by Larry Blair; all present, Director Dennison came in at 3:07
4. Approval of Agenda. Motion was made by Director Kilfoy and second made by Director Sandoval. Passed unanimously.
5. Introduction of Guests: Fred Aguirre, Self; Angela Valdez, Steve Salazar, Kristi Winters, Wilson & Company.
6. Chairman's Report: Larry Blair reported that the letter dated June 30 from the State of New Mexico Finance and Administration Department granted interim approval of ESCAFCA's operating budget for this fiscal year 2009-2010 based upon the determination that sufficient resources will cover proposed budgeted expenditures. Larry indicated that ESCAFCA has \$66,000 still in the bank, which will carry ESCAFCA through the first tax revenue due in December. The letter also says that final approval is contingent upon submission of several other things. Gary was going to call and get clarification on those things because some of them used terms he wasn't familiar with. We do have to do a couple of other actions, including adopting a resolution setting the Mil Levy. Larry would like to get Bond Council involved in that. Perhaps by the next meeting, Larry will have that ready. We are assuming one mil for operating, 2 ½ for debt service, which is what was indicated to the voters on the election. We will bring this back when Gary gets more information on just exactly what they want.
7. Approval of minutes
 - a. Regular meeting of May 12, 2009. Motion to approve the minutes of regular meeting of May 12, 2009, by Director Kilfoy; second by Director Torres. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Emergency meeting of June 19, 2009. Motion to approve the minutes of the Emergency meeting of June 19, 2009 by Director Torres; second by Director Kilfoy. Passed unanimously.
8. Financial Report: Gary Young
 - a. Preliminary End of year report: Gary Young reviewed ESCAFCA Unaudited Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 2009 per cash reconciliation. After discussion regarding some of the entries, Gary indicated he would submit a revised end of the year report.
 - b. Investment Options for Bond Proceeds: Gary Young reported he made a few phone calls on different percentage returns on investments. Everyone he called gave him very low percentages. Gary wants to continue to investigate the best options.
- 9 Engineering Report
 - a. Levee status: Corps of Engineers: Larry Blair reported he spoke with Deborah Foley and she wasn't able to give Larry any good news. Congressman Heinrich requested that the Town of Bernalillo levees be included in the authorization request that went to the House Committee but the Committee denied it. They denied all new starts this year. It goes to the Senate now and Senator Udall is also requesting a project for Bernalillo, but it is likely that the Senate Committee will also deny any new starts.
 - b. Task orders: Wilson & Company [m/o]: Angela Valdez and Steve Salazar summarized the WCI letter of July 6, 2009, with discussion centered on Task Order 6. WCI completed field reviews with Chris Miller of Sandoval County to gain a better understanding of the scope of work for each project. It was determined that design of all four projects cannot be completed within the budget previously allocated by the Board for Task Order 6. The scopes of work for Camino de La Ciruela and improvements to the Centex Plant Area are much greater than originally anticipated.

WCI proposes that the Board move forward with design of improvements at Camino del Tecolote and improvements on Juniper Road. Further negotiations are necessary to establish roles and responsibilities for both ESCAFCA and Sandoval County and the monetary commitments of both organizations. WCI recommends that the Board move forward with design of these two projects as they will provide visible improvement projects for Placitas.

WCI recommends that the Board consider an additional Task Order for completion of design for the Camino de La Ciruela Drainage Improvements. Residents along Camino de La Ciruela have experienced erosion problems along the roadway and within arroyo banks. Development of property adjacent to the arroyo has encroached and filled in banks along the arroyo. They are in danger of losing property if improvements are not constructed. This project could also provide a highly visible improvement for Placitas residents.

Drainage improvements near the Centex Plant will also be extensive. Results of field reviews indicate that a detention facility would be necessary within the upper portions of the drainage basin to alleviate flooding problems to the neighborhood southwest of the plant. Because the Anasazi Development has been allowed to fully discharge from its subdivision, residents west of the railroad have experienced increased flooding to their property. Un-detained storm water discharge from the development and infill of the arroyo have made conditions unsafe for residents. The Corps of Engineers has identified this problem and has been in contact with the MRGCD on possible solutions for the area. Chris Miller indicated that the County is currently working on minor improvements to culverts in the area.

Larry Blair indicated that he was concerned about liability issues and responsibility for operation and maintenance. These are long term issues that need to be addressed and need to be a part of any agreement made with the County or a Landowner if it gets to that point. Motion was made to delete the Camino de la Ciruela and the Centex Project from Task Order 6 but continue to find a cooperation solution. Motion was made by Director Kilfoy, second made by Director Dennison; Passed unanimously.

10. Drainage Policy Discussion: Fred Aguirre: Fred Aguirre requested guidance on his contract. Chairman Reyes responded that Sandoval County wants ESCAFCA to establish (1) guidelines, (2) enforcement procedures, and (3) delegation of authority. Director Dennison commented that the Sandoval County Subdivision ordinance has rules that are not being enforced, and that regulations need to be developed that can be enforced. The guidance was summarized as: (1) establish drainage regulations, and (2) establish procedures for implementing them. Public meeting, will need to be held, and staffing need and intergovernmental agreements executed, especially with Sandoval County, the Town of Bernalillo, Coronado Soil and Water Conservation District, and perhaps the Pueblos and Federal Agencies.

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business

a. Proposal for Case Study for Floodplain Adjustment: Jerry Lovato, AMAFCA [m/o]: Jerry Lovato summarized options for dealing with new FEMA floodplain maps. One option is to submit an engineering analysis to reduce the floodplain by lowering the base flood elevations. He suggested AMAFCA and ESCAFCA team up to hire a consultant to do such analysis. More information will be provided.

b. Membership in the Mid-Region Council of Governments [m/o]: Larry Blair reported that ESCAFCA is eligible to become a member of the Mid-Region Council of Governments. The dues run from \$3,000-\$5,000 a year. The dues may be waived for the first year. Larry Blair is going to get more information on that.

c. Office Space: Discussion: Larry Blair reported that ESCAFCA should start thinking about renting an office space and hiring staff. Item deferred.

13. Executive Engineer report

a. Donation of Computers: AMAFCA is donating three flat screen monitors and keyboards; SSCAFCA is donating three used computers.

b. Levee Task Force [m/o]: Larry Blair reviewed the packet on the Mid Rio Grande Levee Task Force.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Public Comment: None

b. Next meeting August 11, 2009

12. Adjourn: Motion made by Director Kilfoy; second made by Director Torres. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Submitted by Kristi Winters

Debbie Kilfoy, Board Secretary