

EASTERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY

Minutes of Special Meeting 30 January 2012

1. **Call to Order at 9:00 AM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Reyes.**
3. **Roll Call:** All Present.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda made by Director Sandoval; second by Director Torres. Passed unanimously.
5. **Introduction of Guests:** Deborah Foley and Michael Martinez, US Army Corps of Engineers
6. **Chairman's Report:** Chairman Reyes explained the reason for the Special Meeting.
7. **Approval of Minutes:** No minutes to approve. Motion to defer approval minutes of Regular Meeting of January 17th, 2011 until the next Regular Meeting made by Director Sandoval; second by Director Torres. Passed unanimously.
8. **Discussion and Action:**
 - 8.1 **Participation in Bernalillo "Levy Study", Deb Foley, Corps of Engineers, Guest:** Larry Blair briefed the board on the proposal prepared by Wilson & Company and AMEC for the Bernalillo Levee. The current state of the levee needs to be studied regardless of any further action. The proposal breaks the project down into three phases, and allows for discontinuing the project at the end of any phase. Mr. Blair presented the board with a letter of intent to the US Army Corps of Engineers, requesting assistance in the form of a 50/50 cost sharing agreement for phase one of the project. Deborah Foley of the US Army Corps of Engineers addressed the board regarding the availability of federal funds. There are two potential sources of funding: one which may be available late this year or early next year; and another which would be available for the proposed cost sharing agreement. The USCOE needs a signed letter of intent from the board in order to initiate the process of obtaining these funds. The board is under no legal obligation until a final cost sharing agreement is approved and signed. This initial phase of the project is crucial in determining what, if any, work needs to be done in the future. Citizen Mel Bentz asked if the COE would sign off on the levees if the tests provide positive results. The COE can coordinate with the various government agencies involved with the levees, but cannot provide certification. Motion to approve the signing of the letter of intent to the US Army Corps of Engineers for cost sharing for the Hydro-Geological Investigation Analysis of the Rio Grande East Levee in Bernalillo made by Director Torres; second by Director Sandoval. Passed unanimously. Chairman Reyes requested that the proposal be available for discussion at the next meeting.
 - 8.2 **Discuss Sandoval County letter regarding "County" Pond:** Mr. Castillo briefed the board on the changes in the status of the County pond project. Sandoval County is offering to transfer ownership of the property to ESCAFCA, instead of providing an easement. The board feels that an easement is the better option. Mr. Castillo will continue to pursue this avenue.
 - 8.3 **Accept Bohannon Huston Task Order #21- Mapping for Town of Bernalillo & Surrounding Area:** Mr. Castillo briefed the board on Bohannon Huston Task Order #21. When the LIDAR data was initially collected for MRCOG, it wasn't compiled in graphical form; only as digitized data points. Bohannon Huston will use the data already in their possession to provide ESCAFCA with topographic maps of the Bernalillo area. These maps would be useful for a variety of projects. Director Sandoval asked why the data wasn't converted into a more useful form. Scott Armstrong of Bohannon Huston explained that the previous contract called for the collection of LIDAR points with no further analysis. Motion to approve Task Order to Bohannon Huston not to exceed \$5235 plus NMGRT made by Director Torres; second by Chairman Reyes. Approved with two in favor, Director Sandoval opposed.

8.4 Review Correspondence/Amend Accountant Contract: Mr. Castillo briefed the board on the recent issues with Accounting & Auditing. Chairman Reyes presented the board with a letter from A&A addressing the board's concerns and requesting an increase in the accounting budget. Director Sandoval asked why the budget limit was reached so quickly. Changes in ESCAFCA staff; updates to the structure of the budgets and reports; and the withdrawal of Placitas from ESCAFCA have resulted in the depletion of the accounting budget. Addition administrative support should help reduce these expenses. Directors Torres and Sandoval expressed concern about a perceived lack of accountability on the part of A&A; and the work that is being produced for the amount of money being spent. Director Torres asked when the contract for A&A will expire. Chairman Reyes clarified that the proposed amendment will increase the accounting budget through the end of the fiscal year, and not the end of the current contract with A&A. Director Sandoval pointed out that the letter to A&A from Michael Cadigan and the Amendment itself were missing from the Board Packet. Motion to defer Review Correspondence and Amend Account Contract till the next meeting made by Director Sandoval; second by Director Torres. Passed unanimously.

8.5 Burt & Co., Auditor, Contract Change Order Request: Mr. Castillo briefed the board on the Contract Change Order request made by Burt & Company. The board expressed concern about the requested increase in compensation. The auditor should have brought issues which required additional work to the attention of the board in a timely manner, rather than retroactively. Motion to reject the Contract Change Order Request made by Director Sandoval; second by Director Torres. Passed unanimously.

Director Sandoval excused himself from the meeting at 10:16am. A quorum is still present.

9. Executive Engineer's Report: Mr. Castillo briefed the board on the changes made to the ESCAFCA account by US Bank. Mr. Castillo presented the board with a letter to US Bank requesting an upgrade to the account. This upgrade would allow the ESCAFCA staff to view the account information without making any changes to the signing authority. Chairman Reyes asked that the proposed changes to the ESCAFCA bank account be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

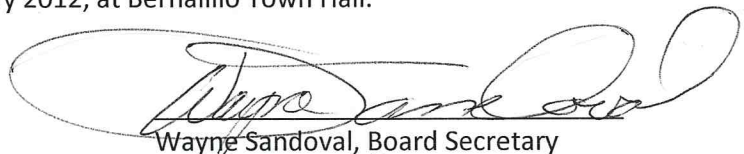
10. Public Comment: Mr. Bentz requested that Mr. Castillo review the LIDAR data before any maps are printed. LIDAR density data could be used to determine the depth of the river. Mr. Blair stated that the Bureau of Reclamations is currently working to provide cross sections of the river.

11. Adjourn at 10:23am: Motion to adjourn made by Director Torres; second by Chairman Reyes. Passed unanimously.

Regular meeting 6 PM, Tuesday, 21 February 2012, at Bernalillo Town Hall.



Submitted by Nicholette Susco-Taylor



Wayne Sandoval, Board Secretary

Audio recording is on file.