

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023**

A meeting of the Cochise County Flood Control District was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman, telephonic; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Jackie Watkins, Engineering & Natural Resources Director

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one chose to speak.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the Flood Control District meeting of December 13, 2022.

Supervisor Crosby made a motion to approve item 1 on the consent agenda.
Vice-Chairman Judd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION

Engineering & Natural Resources

2. Approve Amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the Cochise County Flood Control District, City of Sierra Vista, Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District, The Nature Conservancy, City of Bisbee, and Fort Huachuca, to add U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Gila District, as a partner to the established Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network (CCRN).

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve Amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the Cochise County Flood Control District, City of Sierra Vista, Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District, The Nature Conservancy, City of Bisbee, and Fort Huachuca, to add U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Gila District, as a partner to the established Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network (CCRN). Supervisor Crosby seconded the motion.

Jackie Watkins presented this item. Ms. Watkins gave a history of the MOU and stated this amendment would add the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Gila District to the CCRN. In response to Supervisor Crosby, Ms. Watkins explained that the region that is referred to in the MOU is the upper San Pedro Watershed, which starts in Mexico and the CCRN project is only in Arizona.

Vice-Chairman Judd stated that she has had a lot of conversations with BLM in the county and her thought that the BLM can be part of CCRN. She asked if the lawsuits regarding water adjudication in the Upper San Pedro Region are still ongoing. Ms. Roberts, stated that the status of the lawsuits is outside the scope of what is noticed in this agenda.

Chairman English stated that the Federal government owns that property and her thought that a healthy relationship with BLM has started. The purpose of the CCRN is the health of the riparian area and the health of the water in the San Pedro area. The BLM can be taxed with helping to find funding.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 2-1. (Crosby opposed)

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board