

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

A meeting of the Cochise County Flood Control District was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Frank Antenori, Chairman; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman; Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, Interim County Administrator  
Joe Casey, Interim Deputy County Administrator  
Paul Correa, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Joaquin Solis, Environmental Project Coordinator

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

***CALL TO THE PUBLIC***

Tricia Gerrodette requested clarification about agenda item number 2.

***CONSENT***

**Engineering and Natural Resources**

1. Approve the Minutes of the Flood Control District meeting for December 10, 2024.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Flood Control District meeting for December 10, 2024. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

2. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

Joaquin Solis, Assistant Director of Highway and Flood, presented this item. Mr. Solis explained that the payment is part of an agreement between Cochise County and The Nature Conservancy, dating back to 2016. The county acquired the 2,984-acre Bella Vista Ranches property, which included easements, rights-of-way, and permits. The current demand is a lease permit fee of \$1,585.98 paid annually

under a five-year contract with Arizona State Land. The purpose of the agreement is to support water recharge into the San Pedro Watershed, continuing a lease arrangement originally held by the previous landowner.

The Board and Staff discussed the history and purpose of the Bella Vista Ranches conservation agreement. Mr. Solis stated the county pays an annual \$1,585 lease to Arizona State Land for grazing rights, continuing a historic arrangement dating back to previous owner. Mr. Apel stated that an operator grazes cattle on the land, there is currently no revenue generated to offset the lease cost, prompting the Board to schedule a work session to discuss potential financial adjustments.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board