

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, December 20, 2016**

A meeting of the Cochise County Flood Control District was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Richard R. Searle, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Director

Staff Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy County Administrator
Elda Orduno, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board

Chairman Searle called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the Flood Control District meeting for December 6, 2016.

Director Call moved to approve item 1 on the consent agenda. Director English seconded and it carried unanimously.

ACTION

Community Development

2. Approve separate agreements with Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD), for conveyance of the Horseshoe Erosion Control Device (Structure) to Cochise County; and with San Jose Ranch, for license and access agreement for the Structure.

Ms. Karen Riggs, Highway & Floodplain Director, presented this item. Ms. Riggs said there are two separate agreements: one with the Hereford NRCD and one with the San Jose Ranch. The one with the Hereford NRCD is to convey the structure to the County. The NRCD received the grant money, did the design, and will oversee the construction of the structure. There was a Work Session earlier covering the benefits of conveying the structure once completed. The other agreement is with the San Jose Ranch, where the structure is located.

It allows the County access and a license to maintain and operate the project. Mr. Hanson drew up the agreements and Ms. Riggs recommended approval with three conditions. 1) approval by Cochise County of the construction plans; the design engineer has comments from Cochise County, and we are waiting for those revised plans to be returned. 2) approval from the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) that the new design is still non-jurisdictional. 3) receipt from the Hereford NRCD of an acceptable bill of sale.

There was a comment from NRCD member John Ladd stating the official name is: The San Jose Ranch Inc.

Director English amended the motion to approve separate agreements with Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD), for conveyance of the Horseshoe Erosion Control Device (Structure) to Cochise County; and with San Jose Ranch Inc., for license and access agreement to the Structure with these three stipulations: 1) Cochise County gets to approve the design; 2) the receipt of approval of ADWR that the new design is non-jurisdictional; and 3) receipt from Hereford NRCD of an acceptable bill of sale. Director Call seconded the motion.

Chairman Searle called for the vote and it was approved 3-0 with the conditions listed.

3. Approve the Annual Joint Funding Agreement No. 17CMAZ00900 with United States Geological Survey (USGS) in the amount of \$61,900 for the period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 to conduct hydrologic investigations and data collection.

Ms. Karen Riggs, Highway & Floodplain Director, presented this item. Ms. Riggs said that before her return in November 2007 this has been an expense the Board of Supervisors has paid. There are two agreements with USGS for stream gauge, data collection and analysis. One has been paid by the Flood Control District and one by Board of Supervisors' office. It was brought to our attention that a more appropriate funding of both agreements would be by the Flood Control District. This item moves the payment of this agreement to the Flood Control District which has adequate funds to accommodate the move.

Director Call made a motion to approve the Annual Joint Funding Agreement No. 17CMAZ00900 with United States Geological Survey (USGS) in the amount of \$61,900 for the period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 to conduct hydrologic investigations and data collection. Director English seconded and the motion.

Director Call said that we participate in this agreement in order to help keep our County healthy, and for environmental and economic reasons.

Chairman Searle asked that in the annual review of this agreement that consideration of additional areas be included in the discussion.

Ms. Riggs said the funding for both agreements annually is approximately \$75,000.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda.

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Assistant to the Clerk of the Board