

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Karen Riggs, Highway & Floodplain Director
Paul Esparza, Planning & Zoning Director
Lisa Marra, Community & Communication Relations Administrator

Attendees: Jeremy Upham
Peter Warren
Jana Flagler
Laura Cardinal
Terri Renwick
Denise Spangler
Jana Crimmins

Chairman Searle called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Community Development

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the proposal to amend the conservation easement on the Mansker Property (that portion of the Palominas Recharge Project that lies west of Palominas Road) to allow for equestrian events and other recreational uses.

Chairman Searle had everyone introduce themselves.

Mr. Hanson gave the background of the original easement and added that a local horseback riding group was interested in using a portion of the property for equestrian use. He stated that after reviewing the conservation easement he thought that the property could be used for equestrian use as long as it did not interfere with the conservation use. He noted that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) had reviewed the request and were in favor of the equestrian use, but suggested that the conservation easement be amended to clarify that any other use of the property not interfere with the recharge project.

Ms. Jana Flagler, Flagler Law, showed a video of the type of equestrian use and also showed a map of the area and pictures of what the course would look like. She also added that the group would be very interested in keeping the site without erosion.

Chairman Searle asked what type of document would be needed to allow for equestrian use and an agreement with the organization.

Mr. Hanson said that he had thought about a license to allow the organization to use the land instead of a permit because it would not be a permanent use. He added that the liability would be discussed if the license was issued.

Supervisor English asked about parking, arrangements for spectators, and permanent structures.

Ms. Flagler said that a course designer would be hired to ensure the course was properly built and that all building issues were addressed. She noted that the organization did have their own insurance to address liability.

Chairman Searle asked if a fee had been associated with this type of use.

Ms. Flagler said that the organization would not be able to pay a fee initially, but once established a fee could be negotiated.

The Board directed staff to amend the conservation easement and get an appraisal for the discussed portion of the property.

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

