

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024**

A meeting of the Cochise County Flood Control District was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Judd, Supervisor (Telephonic)

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

Attendees: Juan Frisby, Budget Manager

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:27 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**

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**CONSENT**

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Approve the Minutes of the Flood Control District meetings for June 11, 2024, and June 18, 2024.
2. Approve renewal of Special Land Use Permit 23-94344-05 between the Arizona State Land Department and Cochise County Flood Control District for Bella Vista Ranch as part of the County's recharge efforts at Coyote Wash, effective April 4, 2024, to April 3, 2029.

Supervisor Judd made a motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Board of Supervisors**

3. Adopt the Final Budget of the Flood Control District for fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$9,594,929.

Vice-Chairman made an amended motion to amend the tax rate for the Flood Control District to 0% and adjust the final budget amount accordingly.

Chairman English stated the motion failed for lack of a second.

Vice-Chairman made a motion to adopt the Final Budget of the Flood Control District for fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$9,594,929. Supervisor Judd seconded the motion.

Chairman English opened the public hearing.

William Appel inquired about flood control measures for an overlooked area of the county, highlighting issues such as rutted roads and ongoing flooding. Mr. Appel questioned which part of the budget would address these concerns, noting that while taxes are collected, no assistance has been provided.

Chairman English informed Mr. Appel to call the Public Works and Flood Control Department.

Vice-Chairman Crosby highlighted the availability of \$9.5 million, some of which might be pending grant funds. Vice-Chairman Crosby referred to this sum as a "fatted calf" and suggested it would be more beneficial to lower the tax rate for everyone. He believes that existing funds are sufficient for necessary projects without the need to collect additional taxes.

Chairman English closed the public hearing.

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

4. Truth in Taxation Hearing to receive public comment on the proposed increase in the primary property tax levy of the Flood Control District for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to open a Truth in Taxation Hearing to receive public comment on the proposed increase in the primary property tax levy of the Flood Control District for fiscal year 2024-2025. Supervisor Judd seconded the motion.

Chairman English opened the public hearing. No one chose to speak.

Chairman English closed the public hearing.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sharon Gilman, Interim Clerk of the Board