

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025**

A meeting of the Cochise County Flood Control District was held on Tuesday, July 8, 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, County Administrator
Joe Casey, Deputy County Administrator
Paul Correa, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Stacy Fenhaus, Budget Manager

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the Flood Control District meeting for July 1, 2025.
2. Approve demands and budget amendments for operating transfers.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Supervisors

3. Adopt the Final Budget of the Flood Control District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$9,948,414.

Chairman Antenori opened the Public Hearing and no one chose to speak.

Ms. Gilman presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Gilman presented the final FY26 Flood Control District budget, confirming there were no changes from the tentative version approved in June. She stated a truth in taxation hearing is also

required since the tax rate stayed the same, but the overall levy increased due to higher assessed property values.

Chairman Antenori closed the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to adopt the final budget of the Flood Control District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$9,948,414. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a secondary motion to decrease the budget to \$7,325,000 for the Flood Control District.

Vice-Chairman Crosby clarified that while the Board wasn't setting a tax rate, a zero rate would leave the cash carryforward at around 7.3 million.

The Board and staff discussed that a truth in taxation hearing is required due to the proposed \$2.6 million levy, even though there's a \$7.3 million cash carryforward. Vice-Chairman Crosby suggested zeroing out the levy for FY26, which would remove that \$2.6 million in revenue but still leave the district with existing funds. The Board confirmed that the Flood Control District would still exist for regulatory purposes even with a zero levy, as long as it's represented in the official budget documents.

Chairman Antenori and Supervisor Gomez suggested that the Board should closely examine flood control projects and studies, given the significant flooding concerns in their districts.

Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Crosby withdrew his secondary motion to decrease the budget to \$7,325,000 for the Flood Control District. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to reduce the levy from \$2,623,414 to \$2,518,356. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to lower the amount levied to 1.25 million. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Chairman Antenori made a motion to amend agenda item number 3 to reduce the levy from \$2,624,414 down to \$2,518,356. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Antenori made a motion to adopt the final budget of Flood Control District for FY 2025-2026 in the amount of \$9,843,356, which reflects the reduction. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

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

Vice-Chairman Crosby suggested directing the treasurer to adjust the pie charts to display "flood control district" instead of the abbreviation "FCD."

Ms. Gilman clarified that the treasurer sends out a postcard each fall with a tax breakdown to every taxpayer. She confirmed that Supervisor Crosby is requesting the term "flood control district" be spelled out on the postcard, instead of using the abbreviation "FCD," and offered to relay this request.

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 2025-2026.

The Truth in Taxation hearing was not necessary.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board