



**Albuquerque Metropolitan
Arroyo Flood Control Authority
Special Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2005**

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Brown called the Special Board Meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2005. Roll was noted as follows:

Directors present: Chairman Ronald D. Brown
Director Janet Saiers
Director Danny Hernandez

Directors absent: Director Daniel Lyon
Director Tim Eichenberg

Others present: Loren Meinz, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, Acting
Executive Engineer
Staff

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Saiers made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Hernandez seconded the motion, which passed (3-0).

3. Meetings Scheduled

- a. **May 26, 2005, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- b. **June 23, 2005, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- c. **August 11, 2005, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**

There were no changes to the meeting schedule as set forth.

4. Lyon Blvd. Storm Drain –Award of Construction Contract

Loren Meinz, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer and Acting Executive Engineer, introduced Fred Salls of Salls Brothers Construction, and Dan Aguirre and Mario Juarez-Infante of Wilson & Company, engineers on the project.

Lynn Mazur, AMAFCA Development Review Engineer, stated that construction bids for the Lyon Boulevard Storm Drain Project were received on April 28, 2005. Seven contractors submitted bids, and all bids were responsive. The low bidder was Salls Brothers Construction, with a base bid of \$2,838,570.40 plus NM Gross Receipts Tax. Wilson & Company checked the bid tabs and found one minor mathematical error, which did not affect the ranking.



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She stated that Wilson & Company and staff recommended that the construction contract be awarded to Salls Brothers Construction, with the Additive Alternate, for a total amount of \$3,135,886.13. The Additive Alternate includes storm drain connections from the two side streets to the west, and will intercept flow that currently drains to the Lyon Boulevard right-of-way.

Ms. Mazur noted that approximately \$330,600 of the total construction bid will be reimbursed by New Mexico Utilities, Inc., for the water line portion of the project. She also reported that lump sum contributions have been received from all parties to the Cooperative Funding Agreement. The easement for relocation of the PNM gas line has also been received from Bernalillo County.

In response to a question from Chairman Brown, Mr. Mainz stated that this project will end slightly west of the intersection of Lyon and Paradise Boulevard. He added that staff was exploring the possibility of moving the cattleguard inlet on Paradise further west to a location on Paseo del Norte, to intercept flows from the area to the north. The Board would be briefed further at a later meeting.

Director Saiers noted that the bid from Salls Brothers was approximately 20% lower than the next lowest bid, and asked if the difference was spread evenly throughout the bid, or concentrated in only a few bid items.

Mario Juarez-Infante of Wilson & Company, engineer on the project, explained that five bid items were bid lower than the average, with the largest difference, about \$700,000, in bid item #29 (installation of 90" pipe). He stated that Salls Brothers owns a piece of equipment capable of doing the excavation, trenching, and installation of the pipe faster and cheaper than using several pieces of equipment. Fred Salls confirmed this was correct.

Discussion followed.

Director Hernandez made a motion that the Board accept Salls Brothers Construction as the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the Board Chairman to execute a contract with the contractor in the amount of \$2,838,570.40 for the Base Bid, excluding New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax, for construction of the Lyon Boulevard Storm Drain Project. Director Saiers seconded the motion, which passed (3-0).

Director Hernandez then made a motion that the Board accept Salls Brothers Construction's bid of \$297,315.73, excluding New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax, for construction of the Additive Alternative Number 1 to the Lyon Boulevard Storm Drain Project. Director Saiers seconded the motion, which passed (3-0).



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5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. New Business

Director Hernandez stated that he'd been invited to participate in an event on Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 20, 2005. Participants will meet at 6:00 a.m. at La Montanita Co-op, and parade downtown on their bicycles. He added that any interested elected officials were welcome to join him.

Mr. Meinz advised the Board that the radio and television advertising program for the Storm Water Quality education program was due to begin on Friday, May 6, 2005. He stated that there would be a kickoff at 11:45 a.m. at the Creative Arts Building at Expo New Mexico, at the Pet Adopt-A-Thon.

7. Items from the Floor / Public Comment

None.

8. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Janet Saiers, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer 5/26/05

Recorded by Pam Woodruff, Secretary to the Executive Engineer