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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Brown called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 3, 2015. Roll was noted as follows:

Directors present:	Chair Ronald D. Brown Director Cynthia D. Borrego Director Tim Eichenberg Director Deborah L. Stover Director Bruce M. Thomson
Directors excused:	None
Attorney present:	Attorney Robert White, Robles, Rael & Anaya
Others present:	Jerry M. Lovato, P.E., Executive Engineer Staff

Other attendees on file at AMAFCA

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Borrego made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Thomson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

3. Items from the Floor/Public Comments

No one had signed up for Public Comment. Chair Brown welcomed Mr. Robert “Bob” White who was representing AMAFCA legal counsel Robles, Rael & Anaya. Chair Brown acknowledged Mr. White has been a friend for a long time and stated it was great seeing him again.

4. Southwest Valley Flood Reduction Project Phase IIa - Pond 187A/187 Conveyance Project Construction Management Services – Award of Construction Contract

Mr. Bradley Bingham, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, stated that bids were opened on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. There were six contractors that submitted bids. Larkin Group NM, Inc. recommended award of the construction contract to New Mexico Underground Utilities, Inc., and staff concurred with the recommendation. Mr. Bingham stated that Mr. Casey Thompson with New Mexico Underground was present. Mr. Lovato stated that bidding was tight and there



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was only \$800.00 separating the lowest and second bidder.

Chair Brown acknowledged the Larkin Group as the engineering company managing the project and thanked Mr. John Andrews for the hard work.

Director Thomson made a motion that Board accept New Mexico Underground Utilities, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the Chair to execute the contract for the construction of the Pond 187A/187 Conveyance Project in the amount of \$532,506.50, plus New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax. Director Stover seconded the motion, which passed (5-0).

5. West I-40 Diversion Channel Phase IV – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids

Mr. Jerry Lovato, AMAFCA Executive Engineer, stated that the plan set is currently with CoA. It is hoped that the Notice to Proceed will take place on February 15, 2016. Responding to a question from Director Eichenberg, Mr. Lovato stated that CoA has committed \$300K for the drainage and will take on the cost for the entire bike trail. Mr. Tyler Ashton with Wilson and Company stated that the bike trail will be approximately \$500K. Responding to a question from Director Borrego, Mr. Lovato stated that the project is well underway and there is not enough time to ask for State Capital Outlay. Responding to a question from Director Thomson, Mr. Lovato stated that substantial completion should happen in summer of 2016.

Director Borrego made a motion to authorize the Executive Engineer to advertise for Construction Bids for the West I-40 Diversion Channel Phase IV Project. Director Thomson seconded the motion, which passed (5-0).

6. Unfinished Business

a. Alternative funding for AMAFCA Projects – Capital Outlay

Mr. Jerry Lovato, AMAFCA Executive Engineer, stated at the November Board meeting the Board had asked staff to come up with potential projects for possible Capital Outlay requests. Mr. Lovato stated that he had spoken with both CoA and Bernalillo and they agreed to utilize the lobbyists to try to get Capital Outlay for their projects. Mr. Lovato referred the Board to the projects listed in the Board mailout.

Responding to a question from Chair Brown, Mr. Lovato stated the following are possibilities for Capital Outlay:

- Adobe Acres Pump Station Outfall (next to Tijeras and Harrison Middle School)
Requested funding could include: Augment APS science study (water sampling), wheel chair accessible trail, multi-use trail expansion, benches and trash receptacles



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- The Barelvas Pump Station Outfall – Bosque Storm Water Quality Outfall improvements
Requested funding could include: Interpretive signs (water quality, water cycle, and flood control), wheel chair accessible trail, multi-use trail expansion, benches and trash receptacles
- Calabacillas Arroyo Bank Monitoring and Enhancement 1 – Coors to Rio Grande
Requested funding could include: Interpretive signs (water quality, water cycle, and flood control), wheel chair accessible trail, multi-use trail expansion, benches and trash receptacles
- Gibson – San Mateo Flood Plan Restudy
Requested funding could include: Environmental Assessment of new ponding areas, possible secondary uses (athletic and parade fields, water harvesting / reuse), augment APS science study for low impact design, study multi-use trail expansion
- Hahn Arroyo Phase 2
Requested funding could include: Interpretive signs (water quality, water cycle, and flood control), wheel chair accessible trail, multi-use trail expansion, benches and trash receptacles, augment APS science study for low impact design and water re-use
- Hamilton Dam
Requested funding could include: Interpretive signs (water quality, water cycle, and flood control), wheel chair accessible trail, multi-use trail expansion, benches and trash receptacles
- Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) South Detention Basin
Requested funding could include: Possible secondary uses (athletic and parade fields, water harvesting / reuse), Interpretive signs (water quality, water cycle, and flood control), wheel chair accessible trail, multi-use trail expansion, benches and trash receptacles

Responding to a question from Director Thomson, Mr. Mark Fleisher stated that they would be looking at Capital Outlay for \$100K or less. Mr. Fleisher stated that if AMAFCA goes for Capital Outlay for small projects; AMAFCA can get the credit for helping get the project funded. He further stated that projects should be shovel ready.

Ms. Alarid asked the Board for a letter that may be sent to BernCo and the City of Albuquerque to collectively advise that that AMAFCA's lobbyists will be working to drum up Capital Outlay for projects. She referred the Board to the Administrative Resolution that BernCo had drafted that was in their Board handout.

Responding to a question from Director Borrego, Mr. Lovato stated that the projects that will be included in the 2016 AMAFCA Project Schedule were ranked and the Board discussed the Projects over the last four months. Responding to a question from Director Borrego, Mr. Lovato stated that the Board does not allow projects to lag for years.



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Mr. Lovato asked that the Board allow the lobbyists to talk with the State Legislatures. The Board concurred.

Chair Brown stated that he and Mr. Lovato met with four people on KAFB. Mr. Herbert “Bo” Bohannon, Mr. John Price, Ms. Cheryl Ray, and Melissa (last name unknown). He further stated that KAFB gave the talks an extremely good reception. KAFB had advised that they have no money for a National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) process. AMAFCA had stated that this is a serious issue and AMAFCA will do the NEPA process which can be done faster, build the facility, and save taxpayer money. AMAFCA can do flood control that will not negate future recreation uses; which was a concern of KAFB. Mr. Lovato stated that the area could be used for athletic fields. This may enable more land to be utilized; however AMAFCA will not be putting in parks, but will be taking care of flooding. It was mentioned that Mr. Price lives in the area where it floods and he is well aware of the issue.

Responding to a question from Director Borrego, Chair Brown stated that the area being considered is near Bullhead Park and it would be for community use. Mr. Lovato stated that the security fence would need to be moved. Mr. Thomson stated that in past talks, KAFB had issues with accepting money from AMAFCA, but it now appears that train of thought is no longer valid.

Mr. Fleisher stated that at the November Board meeting a joint resolution for KAFB was suggested to encourage KAFB to work with the community. He further stated he had spoken with Senator Mimi Stewart and she is willing to sponsor. He also spoke with Representative Sheryl Williams Stapleton; she does not support a resolution at this time. Representative Stapleton is concerned with how this will affect her constituents and is willing to facilitate a solution with KAFB. Director Thomson volunteered to speak with Ms. William Stapleton.

7. New Business

None.



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8. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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Tim Eichenberg, Secretary-Treasurer,

Recorded by Guylene Harris, Executive Administrative Assistant