



**Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Taylor called the Board Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2026, at the AMAFCA office in Albuquerque, NM.

Directors present via Zoom and / or in person: Chair Elizabeth Newlin Taylor – at the AMAFCA building  
Director Ronald R. Bohannon – at the AMAFCA building  
Director Tim Eichenberg – at the AMAFCA building  
Director Bruce M. Thomson – at the AMAFCA building  
Director Orlando G. Martinez, Jr. – via Zoom

Directors excused: None

Attorney present: Marcus J. Rael, Jr., Robles, Rael & Anaya – at the AMAFCA building

Others present via Zoom and / or in person: Nicole Friedt, Acting Executive Engineer  
Staff  
Other attendees on file at AMAFCA

A quorum was present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Director Eichenberg asked that Agenda Items 6.e. and 6.f. be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Director Bohannon made a motion to approve the Agenda, as amended. Director Thomson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

**3. Meetings Scheduled**

- a. April 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- b. May 28, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- c. June 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- d. July 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**

There were no changes to the above dates.

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### 4. Items from the Floor / Public Comments

No items from the floor or public comments were received.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

#### a. February 26, 2026

Director Bohannon made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 26, 2026. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

#### b. March 03, 2026

Director Bohannon made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 03, 2026. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

#### c. March 13, 2026

Director Bohannon made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2026. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

### 6. Consent Agenda

Chair Taylor advised Agenda Items 6.a. through 6.d. and 6.g. through 6.i. would be on the Consent Agenda, which was shared on the TV for all participants to view. Director Bohannon made a motion that the Board approve those items on the Consent Agenda. The motion approved the following:

- Mechanical Trash and Debris Removal – Second Extension of Contract with Southwest Sewer Service, Inc.;
- Physical Trash and Debris Removal – Second Extension of Contract with Black Forest Tree Service;
- AMAFCA Audit Services – First Extension of Audit Contract with Cordova CPAs, LLC;
- General Counsel Services – First Extension with Robles, Rael & Anaya, P.C.;
- Lot 2, Block 15, Tract 3, Unit 3 North Albuquerque Acres Subdivision – Quitclaim of Drainage Easement (Robert & Shelley Machac); and
- Out of State Travel to APWA PWX, August 30-September 2 for two staff members.

Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

#### **Item 6.e. Corrales Main Canal & Piedras Marcadas Outlet Project – Approval of Professional Services Contract for Engineering and Construction Management Services**

There was a discussion regarding the process of awarding the Contract; how many companies had applied; the Board was not given information regarding the companies that applied; how each company was scored; the Board expressed concern about the selection process and how AMAFCA is not being transparent. Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Acting Executive Engineer, Chief Engineer/

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Director of Planning & Engineering, walked the Board through the process; advised the ranking is kept on file; blind cost proposals were received; and a panel of five participants participated in the selection process. The discussion continued with questions on whether the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) would participate. Ms. Friedt advised MRGCD will have the opportunity to review and if there are elements where they would be needed, then AMAFCA would ask them to provide funding; and there is no irrigation system involved with the project. The Board requested that the item be brought back next month noting the selection process and then AMAFCA should negotiate and bring back an agreement in May.

Director Bohannon made a motion to defer the approval of a Professional Services Contract for two months. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed (4-1) on a roll call vote. Director Thomson voted no.

### **Item 6.f. Tract 1-A UNM Gibson Commercial District – Grant and Vacation of Access Easements**

Responding to questions from the Board, Mr. Jared Romero, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, covered the area involved and noted the developer is providing an alternative and improved access for AMAFCA. The southside slope for access to the South Diversion Channel will be maintained by AMAFCA and would include a standard ramp and gate.

Director Eichenberg made a motion that the Board approve the vacation of a portion of the access easement and accept a new access easement on Tract 1-A UNM Gibson Commercial District and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign the plat. Director Thomson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote.

## **7. Executive Director's Report**

### **a. Notification of Past Month's Activities**

Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Acting Executive Engineer, recapped recent developments.

*New Mexico Department of Homeland Security:* Ms. Friedt noted that word was received that AMAFCA was awarded a grant for the Calabacillas Grade Control Structures 3a1, 3b1, and Associated Bank Projection Project. The funding breakdown was recapped, and it was noted that AMAFCA will have to follow the Build America Buy America (BABA) guidelines. The grant follows a reimbursement system. If supplies are purchased that do not fall under the BACA guidelines, the Federal Government will not approve for reimbursement. AMAFCA will be eating the applicable costs. Due to timing, the original Engineering contract will expire on April 7, 2026. AMAFCA had asked the Board for authorization to advertise for Request for Proposals in advance knowing there would be a possible lapse. As soon as AMAFCA finds out who will fill the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security Hazard Mitigation Officer position, the Board will be notified.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued their Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) opportunities. Staff will be reviewing to see if any projects are eligible and if AMAFCA can work

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through BRIC. The Board asked for information next month on the order of magnitude on funding and what is involved.

### **b. Notification of On-Call Services Task Orders**

Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Acting Executive Engineer, referred the Board to the memo for task orders issued over the last month. There were no questions.

## **8. Legal**

### **a. Status Report**

Attorney Marcus J. Rael, Jr. summarized information provided in the memo. There were no questions.

## **9. Financial Matters**

Ms. Maria Zuniga voiced appreciation to staff who constantly show up for both the good and bad times and recapped their tenures.

### **a. Financial Matters – Acceptance of Financial Information**

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. The presentation included Budget information for Fiscal Year 2026 such as General Fund Budget to Actual; Revenues; Expenditures; Cash & Investments; and Property Taxes.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board accept the Financial Information. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

### **b. Other Matters**

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo and noted that the slides were changed to make them easier to read. There were no questions.

## **10. AMAFCA FY 2027 Budget**

### **a. Surplus Property Report**

Ms. China Bills, AMAFCA Real Property Manager, summarized information provided in the memo and answered a question from the Board.

### **b. AMAFCA Equipment and Fleet Evaluation**

Mr. Esqui Padilla, AMAFCA Operations Manager, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Padilla, Mr. Augustine Vigil, AMAFCA Oiler, and

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Ms. Paula Dodge-Kwan, AMAFCA Director of Operations and Maintenance, answered questions from the Board.

### **c. FY-2027 Revenue Projections and Draft Budget All Funds**

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. Part of the presentation included a timeline; recapped forecast; property taxes, and the funds for the General, Construction, Debt Service, Acquisitions and Savings, Agency and Area-Wide, and Fiduciary budgets.

## **11. Finance Policies**

### **a. Review of Draft Resolution 2026-XX, Budget Policy**

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. The presentation covered the need for the policy; not all financial resources are the same; definitions & guidance for key principles; what this policy does; and what this policy does not do. The final Resolution will be brought before the Board for approval at the April Regular meeting.

## **12. Planning and Engineering Update**

### **a. San Mateo to Moon Projects Update**

Ms. Nicole Friedt, AMAFCA Acting Executive Engineer, introduced Mr. Paul Olson, Engineering Division Manager with the City of Albuquerque (CoA). Mr. Olson recapped some of the projects that are being done with AMAFCA and answered questions from the Board. Part of the presentation included the Zuni-Pennsylvania Pond that is being done in tandem with the International Library Pond; Phase I is the pond, Phase II is the pipe, Phase III is the water going to the pond, all phases going in after the Zuni-Pennsylvania Pond is up and running. Phase II has been designed, and CoA is holding off to see how much water will feed in the elliptical pipes in tandem with the slope and there is a concern with making sure the Hydrology and Hydraulics are done properly. The Board voiced concern regarding the size of the International District Library Pond shrinking each time there is a review of the project.

Ms. Friedt stated that the Zuni-Pennsylvania Pond and International Library Pond will have orifice plates and the Chico Basin is contributing to the watershed. Chico Basin will be in Phase III to see how it will align. There is confidence that the surge pond will work once the orifice plates are in. AMAFCA is looking at CoA for a commitment for Phase II. Responding to a question, Mr. Olson covered the organizational structure within CoA Engineering noting Ms. Jennifer Turner is the Director of Department of Municipal Development (DMD), Mr. Jorge Gonzales is the Deputy Director, Mr. Paul Olson is the Engineering and Construction Manager, and Mr. Curtis Chernie is the Principal Engineer.

Responding to a question from the Board regarding the San Mateo to Moon Drainage Management Plan (DMP) identifying the need for three-to-four-acre feet of storage, Ms. Friedt concurred that storage is needed and CoA was looking at the area. The Board asked if CoA engineering staff had

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not viewed the DMP, to please go back and review. The area is now more complicated since it has been fully developed. It is understood that this will impact the Mile High Neighborhood and San Mateo & Lomas neighborhoods. Mr. Olson advised that there is an ordinance to do green infrastructure and covered the area that encompasses the project. He noted that the Workers' Memorial Park, which is an important park for the community, might do some underground storage and have green storm water in the park connecting flood control and storm drain lines. Responding to a question regarding upcoming General Obligation (GO) Bond at CoA for flood control, Mr. Olson noted CoA will be looking at the projects to see what can be included in the next GO Bond. The Board thanked Mr. Olson for his presentation and acknowledged that AMAFCA would like to do some joint projects with CoA.

### **b. Project Schedule – Project Update**

Ms. Nicole Friedt, Acting Executive Engineer, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. The approval and printing timeline was recapped. There was a brief discussion regarding the Hubbell Dam, the recent changes in the plans, and how the original plan for the Hubbell project had so many benefits.

### **c. Construction Report**

Ms. Vera Belaia, AMAFCA Project Engineer, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board.

Ms. Friedt voiced appreciation to staff directors along with her staff.

## **13. Facilities, Operations & Maintenance Update**

### **a. AMAFCA Operations Update**

Ms. Paula Dodge-Kwan, AMAFCA Director of Operations & Maintenance, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board.

Ms. Dodge-Kwan voiced appreciation to staff directors along with her staff.

### **b. Field Highlights**

Mr. Esqui Padilla, AMAFCA Engineering Technician, provided a report on various projects and events.

## **14. Executive Session (closed)**

### **a. Limited Personnel Matters (§ 10-15-1(H)(2))**

Chair Taylor advised Item 14.a. was a Closed Session agenda item. The meeting was at the AMAFCA office with all five Directors in attendance. Director Thomson made a motion that the meeting be closed, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, § 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, Subsection H, to

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preserve the confidentiality of the information to be discussed, and as further described in “*The Open Meetings Act, A Compliance Guide for New Mexico Public Officials and Citizens*,” eighth edition, 2015, to discuss Limited Personnel Matters (§ 10-15-1(H)(2)). Director Bohannon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll call vote. Ms. Griego was present during a portion of the closed session. Attorney Rael was present for the entire closed session.

Chair Taylor closed the meeting at 11:46 a.m. Chair Taylor asked for a motion to re-open the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Director Thomson made a motion that the meeting be re-opened. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0) on a roll call vote. Director Martinez left Zoom and was not present to vote. Director Thomson stated only Limited Personnel Matters were discussed in closed session and no decisions were made.

**15. Unfinished Business**

None

**16. New Business**

None

**17.** There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

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Orlando G. Martinez, Jr., Secretary – Treasurer, 4/23/2026

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