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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Eichenberg called the Special Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 8, 2004. Roll was noted as follows:

Directors present: Chairman Tim Eichenberg  
Director Linda Stover  
Director Daniel Lyon  
Director Hernandez (arrived late)  
Director Brown (arrived late)

Others present: John Kelly, Executive Engineer  
Sam Bregman, Attorney  
Staff

Director Hernandez and Director Brown were expected to arrive later on during the meeting. A quorum was present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Director Stover made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Lyon seconded the motion. John Kelly, AMAFCA Executive Engineer, requested that an item be added under New Business. Drainage AMAFCA Engineer Loren Mainz would update the Board on the recent oil spill in the South Valley, then return to the field. Chairman Eichenberg stated that this item could be heard next, prior to discussion of the meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**3. New Business – Oil Spill in the South Valley**

Loren Mainz, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, briefed the Board on the oil spill in the South Valley, which came from private property adjacent to the channel. He reviewed the measures being taken to contain the spill and remove the oil residue, and stated that cleanup efforts were ongoing.

Director Hernandez arrived shortly after Mr. Mainz began his presentation.

Mr. Mainz stated that on Monday, immediately upon becoming aware of the oil leak from two abandoned oil tanks in the South Valley, AMAFCA put up four temporary dikes across the South Diversion Channel to contain the oily water. The temporary dikes caused the oily water to pond, allowing it to be pumped out.



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He stated that Kleinfelder had taken some soil samples for analysis to see how much absorption might have happened in the sediment. He said that results of the tests are pending receipt of the lab report, and total petroleum hydrocarbon tests were ongoing.

Mr. Mainz showed pictures of the tanks, the nearby channel, and containment efforts. He said it appeared that water coming across Broadway had breached the storage tank containment dike, flooded the oil tank site, then overflowed into the channel. He stated that the tanks had been pumped out three years earlier, according to Mesa Oil, so they only contained oil residue.

Mr. Kelly stated that apparently, rainwater had accumulated on top of the abandoned tanks then leaked into the tanks, floating the oil residue high enough that it was able to float out of the tanks' open drain valves.

Mr. Kelly stated that there was a very thin layer (approximately 1/16" thick) of oil residue on top of the ponded water in the channel.

Mr. Mainz stated that Mesa Environmental is doing site cleanup, and that their efforts began within a few hours after the leak was detected. He explained that Mesa Environmental pumped out the water and oil in ponded areas, and placed oil-absorbing booms across the channel to catch anything that was missed.

Mr. Mainz said that Mesa had been able to remove most of the oil residue in this manner, but that some residue had deposited on a portion of the channel's sediment and rocks, and may need to be manually removed.

Mr. Mainz stated that rain from the previous night helped to refloat some of this residue, assisting in the cleanup effort. He also said that a microbial oil-eating enzyme had been sprayed on the residue at the upper portion of the channel, and further rain would help carry it throughout the sediment residue deposition area.

Mr. Mainz stated that he'd ordered additional floating boom material, which would be delivered later that day, and additional supplies of the oil-eating enzyme are also on hand.

The Board asked about the cost of cleanup. Mr. Kelly stated that AMAFCA was overseeing the cleanup, not directing it, and will expect full reimbursement from Mesa for all expenses related to the oil spill. Mr. Kelly also stated that Kleinfelder was doing the testing as a part of their on-call contract with AMAFCA.

The Board directed staff to continue to use their best judgment in this matter.



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**4. Meetings Scheduled**

- a. April 22, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- b. May 6, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – Fourth Workshop on Drainage Facility Planning Review**
- c. May 27, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- d. June 24, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**

Director Stover indicated that she had a conflict for the meetings of May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, these two meetings were moved a week earlier. The following tentative meeting schedule will be confirmed at the April 22 Board Meeting:

- a. April 22, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- b. May 6, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – Fourth Workshop on Drainage Facility Planning Review**
- c. May 20, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- d. June 17, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**

Mr. Kelly stated that AMAFCA staff will contact the Board before the April 22 Regular Meeting to remind them to bring their calendars to that meeting, so that the meeting schedule can be finalized.

**5. Real Estate – Consideration of Quitclaim Deed/Partial Release of Easement, Rinconada Trails Subdivision and Western Trail Right of Way at Western Trail and Atrisco**

Martin Eckert, AMAFCA Real Estate Manager, introduced Cliff A. Spirock of Community Sciences Corp., who was in attendance.

Mr. Eckert then presented the request for consideration of a quitclaim deed/partial release of easement, to include the right-of-way within Western Trail Road. He stated that Attorney Sam Bregman had reviewed the proposed quitclaim deed/release. Staff recommendation is that the Board approve the quitclaim/release.

Brief discussion followed. Mr. Spirock stated his appreciation to the AMAFCA staff for their expedient handling of this matter, and asked the Board to approve the quitclaim deed/release.



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Director Lyon made a motion that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign a Quitclaim Deed /Partial Release of Easement for the northern portion of the easement that was granted by Document # 83 38900, located north of the southerly right-of-way line of Western Trail that encumbered the Western Trail right-of-way and Tract C-2, Lands of Albuquerque Public Schools, currently platted as Tract C and Tract D, Bulk Land Plat For Tracts A, B, C & D, Lava Trails Subdivision, Plat 2002C-172.

Director Hernandez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

**6. AMAFCA Yard Fence Project – Authorization to Advertise Reconfigured Project**

John Kelly, AMAFCA Executive Engineer, presented the revised plan for the AMAFCA Maintenance Yard Fence Project. The revised plan includes fewer concrete pilasters and more steel posts. He stated that this plan would reduce the cost, now estimated at \$14,080.00. A new set of contracts specs have been prepared.

Director Hernandez made a motion that the Board authorize the Executive Engineer to re-advertise for construction bids for the AMAFCA Maintenance Yard Fence Project. Director Stover seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

**7. Drainage Facility Planning Review – Review of Projects in North and South Valley Areas**

Clint Dodge of ASCG and Brad Catanach of the Bernalillo County Public Works Department were present in the audience.

Executive Engineer John Kelly addressed the Board, presenting a review of projects in the North and South Valley areas as the third step in the drainage facility planning review process. ASCG, Inc. has been working with AMAFCA to update the Drainage Facility Planning Review, which is an assessment of all major master planned drainage projects within AMAFCA's jurisdiction.

Director Brown arrived during the introduction of this presentation.

Mr. Kelly stated that this is the third of four meetings that will be held to review all the master planned projects. The first meeting addressed projects on the east side of the Rio Grande, the second meeting addressed projects on the west side, and this meeting will address projects in the North and South Valley areas. He stated that at the next Special Meeting, the Board will be reviewing the projects that need to be done to prioritize them for the next Bond election.



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Mr. Kelly directed the Board's attention to a list of projects on the upper east side and upper west side that appear to the tech team to be high priority, and referenced a spreadsheet showing various proposed projects in the North and South Valley.

Projects were described by five classes: A – Active Funded Project; B – Active partially funded project (in design or right of way acquisition); C – Current Problem, not funded; D – Active Growth Area, development driven; E – Intermediate and Long Term projects. Priorities on these projects were ranked as follows: 1 – High; 2 – Intermediate; 3 – Low, (i.e., Funded by Others, Needs to be combined with street rehab, and so forth).

Mr. Kelly discussed projects in the watersheds in the North Valley and South Valley areas. He gave a breakdown of individual projects in each area and the priority of each, beginning with the North Valley East Watershed. Other watersheds discussed include the Alameda Riverside Drain Watershed, the South Valley East Watershed, the San Jose Drain Watershed, the South Diversion Channel Watershed, and the Southwest Valley Watershed.

Mr. Kelly highlighted certain projects in the North Valley, including acquisition of right of way for detention ponds along the 4th Street Corridor, potential participation with the Village of Los Ranchos in the first phase of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction, and future participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Drain Outfall to the Montano Pump Station.

In the South Valley, Mr. Kelly noted that the key projects were the Corps of Engineer's Southwest Valley Project on the Isleta Drain, and the Black Mesa Detention Pond and Pump Station. The Southwest Valley project includes right of way acquisition for two detention ponds that will be of primary importance to the project. He recommended that AMAFCA pursue this soon after the bond election.

Mr. Kelly also discussed the tributary storm drain projects on Brother, Lovato and Sunbeam Roads, which will drain to the new storm drain in Isleta Blvd. These projects will finish out this area, requiring the surge pond on the La Familia Site, and will remove floodplain from this area. Lastly, Mr. Kelly discussed the County's Isleta Phase II project, which has a substantial drainage component.

**8. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.



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**9. New Business**

There was no other new business to come before the Board.

**10. Items from the Floor / Public Comment**

There were no items from the floor or public comments.

**11. Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Eichenberg adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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Ronald D. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer 04/22/04

Recorded by Pam Woodruff, Secretary to the Executive Engineer