



**OFFICE OF THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COCONINO  
COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**

**Friday, July 30, 2021**

**4:00 p.m. – Special Session**

**Present:** Chair Matt Ryan, Supervisor Patrice Horstman and Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

**Absent/Excused:** Vice Chair Lena Fowler and Supervisor Judy Begay.

**Also Present:** County Manager Steve Peru, Deputy County Manager/Public Works Director Lucinda Andreani, Deputy County Manager Sue Brown, Deputy County Attorney Rose Winkeler, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Lindsay Daley and Deputy Clerk of the Board Valerie Webber were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Chair Ryan called the Special Session meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**Motion:** Resolve as the Flood Control District Board of Directors, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Patrice Horstman, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez. The motion passed unanimously.

**Flood Control District Consent Item:**

1. Consideration and possible action to approve Flood Control District Resolution 2021-02, authorizing the application for and acceptance of financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in the amount of \$606,328 of which 75% will be funded by NRCS and 25% will be funded by Coconino County Flood Control District and corresponding budget adjustment, for an emergency watershed protection project for implementation of emergency measures, and authorizing all actions necessary to implement and complete the obligations of such financial assistance. **Flood Control District**

Deputy County Manager/Flood Control Administrator Lucinda Andreani noted the County moved quickly to secure emergency exigency funding. She commended staff for their participation in efforts to secure Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) assistance, as well as NRCS representatives, contractors and contracted engineers.

Administrator Andreani provided a presentation that outlined the NRCS grant and in-kind match to help projects to address severe and repetitive post-wildfire flooding, reduce sediment impacting downstream neighborhoods and reduce long-term response costs. She highlighted burn area impacts as a result of the Museum Fire, initial flood mitigation projects and efforts made to reduce recent flood events (displayed several video recordings).

County Engineer Chris Tressler reviewed rain potential based on a 2019 map of flood modeling and flooding events that demonstrate actual flooding. He noted there is still six weeks of monsoon season, but mitigations efforts have saved several houses so far. He outlined the goal to stabilize stream channels to decrease erosion and displayed a map of Mount Elden Estates, reflecting areas to be addressed with mitigation efforts as a part of the NRCS Project Grant.

Administrator Andreani noted that response costs expended were currently at \$296,000, response costs were at \$210,000 and the EOC/Call Center Costs were at \$95,000. Total district response costs to date are at \$601,000, not including the match for NRCS exigency grant. The City of Flagstaff estimated response costs at \$1.8 million. She outlined staff's recommendation to approve and accept the NRCS Exigency Grant.

Supervisor Horstman commented Administrator Andreani and efforts made by County staff who moved quickly to address the issues. She commended former Supervisor Elizabeth Archuleta for her assistance in helping with efforts to secure the NRCS Grant and efforts made by various community members.

Supervisor Vasquez thanked staff and former Supervisor Elizabeth Archuleta for their tremendous efforts.

Chair Ryan expressed his appreciation of efforts made by various agencies, staff members and NRCS Representatives.

**Motion:** Approve Flood Control District Resolution 2021-02, authorizing the application for and acceptance of financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in the amount of \$606,328 of which 75% will be funded by NRCS and 25% will be funded by Coconino County Flood Control District, either financially or in-kind and corresponding budget adjustment, for an emergency watershed protection project for implementation of emergency measures, and authorizing all actions necessary to implement and complete the obligations of such financial assistance, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Patrice Horstman, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez. The motion passed with Chair Ryan, Supervisor Horstman and Supervisor Vasquez voting unanimously. Supervisor Lena Fowler and Supervisor Judy Begay were absent.

Supervisor Horstman introduced Susan Linde and Sofia Nicoletti.

Sofia Nicoletti said she was astonished by the Board, county staff, Elizabeth Archuletta and everyone involved for their efforts in being there every step of the way to save homes and peoples sanity. She noted that no matter where she looked, she could see county vehicles. She expressed her appreciation for each person involved in the mitigation efforts.

Susan Linde stated she was grateful for all mitigation efforts made by county staff and spoke about everyone's speed in responding to everything.

Chair Ryan noted there is a structural deficit, but the County will continue to look for grants to help with mitigation efforts.

Administrator Andreani stated costs are being tracked at the state level and federal level. Costs will be eligible for up to 75% and there are opportunities for future talks.

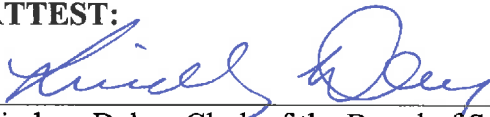
There being no further discussion, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

**COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Matt Ryan, Chair

**ATTEST:**  
  
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Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

