



**OFFICE OF THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE  
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THE COCONINO COUNTY  
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**

**February 18, 2020**

**12:15 p.m. – Special Session**

**Location: Museum of Northern Arizona, 3101 N. Fort Valley Rd., Flagstaff, AZ, 86001**

**Present:** Chair Lena Fowler, Vice Chair Jim Parks, Supervisor Matt Ryan, Supervisor Art Babbott, Supervisor Elizabeth Archuleta arrived at 1:00 p.m.

**Also Present:** Sedona City Manager Justin Clifton, Fredonia Interim Town Manager Shannon Lathim, Tusayan Vice Mayor Brady Harris, Vice Mayor of Fredonia Don Johnson, Contracted Flood Control Attorney Roberta Livesay, County Manager Jimmy Jayne, Deputy County Manager/Flood Control Administrator Lucinda Andreani, County Engineer Christopher Tressler, Public Affairs Director Eric Peterson, Public Works Finance Administrator Jeremy, Summit Fire District, Forest Restoration Coordinator Jay Smith, Mark Woodson from Woodson Engineering, Citizen Patrice Horstman, Assistant Public Works Director Esliir Musta, Executive Assistant to Matt Ryan- Gregory Nelson, Clerk of the Board Lindsay Daley, Steve Finch who is with the Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce's Restaurant and Lodging Committee, Rick Schuller with Woodson Engineering, Katelyn Olson with the Arizona Daily Sun, Paul Summerfeldt with City of Flagstaff Fire Department.

Chair Fowler called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m.

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani provided a brief introduction on what will be presented. She spoke about the Museum Flood mitigation having an impact on the budget. She also stated they will go over a staff proposed budget, which the Board of Directors of the Flood Control have not seen yet.

At 12:43 p.m. Chair Fowler thanked everyone for coming and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to the Public:**

There were no comments from the public for items that were not on the agenda.

**Motion:** To resolve as the Flood Control District Board of Directors, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Art Babbott, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Matt Ryan. The motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Archuleta was not present for this vote.

1. Presentation and Discussion between the Flood Control District Board of Directors and the Mayors and Councils of six jurisdictions within Coconino County regarding the Draft Fiscal Year 2021 Flood Control District budget and 10 Year Plan. **Flood Control**

Deputy County Manager/Flood Control District Administrator Lucinda Andreani led the introductions around the room.

**Powerpoint:** Flood Control District Initial Proposal FY 2021 Budget

Deputy County Manager/Flood Control District Administrator Lucinda Andreani introduced this item. Ms. Andreani went over the major impacts to FY2020 and FY2021 Budgets for the Flood Control District. She explained the unplanned expenditures related to Museum Flood mitigation, which was \$1.2 million for initial flood mitigation and the investments needed to attempt mitigation of Museum Flood impacts for off-forest mitigation. She spoke about an expected deficit of \$745,783 due to costs and financial impacts from Museum Flood mitigation.

County Engineer Christopher Tressler went over the Museum Flood 2020 Pre-Monsoon Flood preparation, which included stocking sandbags, transporting and staging sandbags, developing a Museum Flood Guide, holding community meetings, rainfall gauge maintenance, as well as preparing and exercising a Flood Response Plan.

Mr. Tressler also went over the Museum Fire long-term on-forest flood mitigation project that has been secured with a USFS Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Grant and construction will start this Spring for that. He also went over the RAC project budget and an off-forest mitigation project that is planned with funding from a grant from the Arizona Hazard Mitigation, the estimated timeline for it and the estimated cost of \$700,000. He also spoke about cleaning out Wildrose Basins at an expense of \$15,000, watershed conditions and he showed pictures of the watershed.

Deputy County Manager Lucinda Andreani spoke about the watershed being prime for mobilizing a lot of debris and rock into the neighborhoods.

Mr. Tressler presented information on the Mountain Dell Drainage project in the Sinclair Wash. Ms. Andreani also spoke about this project being the highest priority prior to the Schultz and Museum Fire. They are looking to move forward with construction this Spring.

Forest Restoration Coordinator Jay Smith presented information on the Forest Restoration Master Plan, which will help determine funding for the next 5 years. He went over the top priorities including Bill Williams Mountain restoration, Mormon Mountain, Upper Rio De Flag

Restoration FY21 Budget including capital projects, equipment, and studies. Mr. Smith spoke about the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program and the Mormon Mountain area being an area for a project. Mr. Smith also spoke about Bill Williams Mountain and the allocated funding for steep slope thinning and answered questions related to forest restoration.

Ms. Andreani, and Public Works Finance Manager Jeremy Floyd, went over the disaster cost impacts including the expenses for Museum Fire/Flood and North Schultz Flood area. The Board approved a General Fund transfer of \$1.45 million to cover estimated costs of Museum Emergency Flood preparation. Staff proposed to place \$285,000 into a Museum Flood Disaster Reserve for Museum flood disaster response. Ms. Andreani went over the FY20 end of year fund balance, the expenditures by jurisdiction for FY20 and FY21. Ms. Andreani spoke about the ten-year financial plan at the current rate of \$.2280 having a deficit of \$745,783. She stated that to cover costs and balance the flood control district budget it would require a rate increase to \$.2602. She then went over the financial impact to taxpayers if there were a rate increase. Ms. Andreani, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Floyd answered questions related to the financial information presented.

The Board of Directors discussed how to plan for the long-term, how to assist other communities that currently do not have flood control district projects planned and how to assist communities once the county is out of triaging disaster impacts.

Sedona City Manager Justin Clifton spoke about Sedona getting ready to roll out a Storm Water Master Plan and looking at policy priorities. He also spoke about the sooner there are policy conversations the better for them as it will impact what they will do as a City.

Tusayan Vice Mayor Brady Harris spoke about one of the concerns being that there is outdated information and how to make sure it is a priority or whether they should do their own data.

Fredonia Vice Mayor Don Johnson stated they have problems that they would like to get help with as well.

Project Manager Jim Janesek from the City of Flagstaff spoke about the “why” missing and that an objective ranking is needed and justification on how priorities are ranked.

Supervisor Babbott spoke about having a shared vision to plan for a 10-year period and having a document that guides the priority. Ms. Andreani stated that this will help in determining what are city storm water projects vs. potential flood control projects.

Chair Fowler stated that there needs to be consideration as to how to bring the other communities along as well.

Supervisor Parks spoke about the need for all communities to come together to work on this.

Sedona City Manager Justin Clifton requested that they have a policy discussion outside of budget to help them think about their opportunity to have a storm water fee.

Chair Fowler thanked everyone for coming and for the work done by staff.

**Motion:** To resolve as the Board of Supervisors, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Art Babbott, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Elizabeth Archuleta. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further discussion, Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

**COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Lena Fowler, Chair

**ATTEST:**



Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors