

**OFFICIAL MINUTES AND ACTIONS TAKEN
ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Directors Present: President Robert Lopez, Vice President Larry Perkins,
Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson, Director John Griffiths and
Director Debra Mitchell.

**Directors/Staff
Absent:**

Staff Present: District Manager Franklin McCasland and Office Manager Donna
Lafferty

Guests Present: Phillip Box and Jeff Strom of Big Mesa

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Finding a quorum present and finding this regularly scheduled meeting of the Arch
Hurley Conservancy District's Board of Directors duly advertised, as required by statute,
President Lopez called this meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in the District Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by President Robert Lopez and the Invocation was
given by Vice President Larry Perkins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
APRIL 10, 2018**

Director Mitchell made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley
Conservancy District's April 10, 2018, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by
Director Griffiths. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

MANAGER’S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4,194.5 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,173.8 feet. Conchas Lake received 2,246 acre feet of inflow for the month of April and evaporation and other losses were 5,377 acre feet.

The irrigation gates were opened on Monday April 9 with a 200cfs release. On Saturday April 14 the Hudson side was flushed and charged. The following day the Conchas side was flushed and charged. This year the wind and weeds have caused several problems plugging up the delivery system.

On May 2, Donna and I spoke with Tom Dixon regarding his email to Donna wanting detail expenditure reports for the end of the first quarter. This issue was resolved.

On May 10, Arch Hurley will be participating in the Earth Day at the Outdoor Classroom. Michelle will be handing out material to the children regarding canal safety by staying out.

Jackson Glass has installed the new windows on three of our homes. They will finish the E-Unit home this week.

On June 6, Michelle Jaynes will attend an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) Training Workshop in Clovis. The 2020-2024 ICIP submission deadline for special districts is July 16.

Dan Austin was at the district office on May 3 and 4 working on the 2017 audit. He plans on returning on May 9 and 10.

Director Perkins asked about the 2 landowners, who were on the original list of 40 cfs to have the water turned on, that declined receiving their irrigation water when it arrived. They stated they were not ready for the water. Manager McCasland stated that other landowners were found to accept the water.

REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION AND WATER ALLOCATION

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is 4194.5. Director Griffiths made the motion that there be no additional allocation at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

**CURRENT WATER ORDERS & STATUS UPDATE ON STARTUP OF THE
2018 IRRIGATION SEASON**

Manager McCasland stated that flushing the entire system before turning anyone on worked really good. Weeds have been quite a problem, \$2k per week has been spent on propane and fuel. Mowing during the irrigation season multiple times and one last time at the end of the season seems to help on the following year irrigation season. As of the meeting date, water orders are 150 cfs and 190 cfs is being released.

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-005
AHCD 2019 BUDGET**

Director Perkins made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-005 which pertains to the 2019 interim budget. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-006
AHCD 2019 BUDGET**

Director Griffiths made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-006 which pertains to Arch Hurley being a member in Eastern Plains Council of Governments. The motion was seconded by Director Perkins. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

WATER SMART GRANT

Director Perkins made the motion to pursue the water smart grant. The grant is \$75K in-kind-match. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0. The directors would like the wording in the grant to cover a broad spectrum of uses. The deadline on the grant is July 31, 2018.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

BOR TECHNICAL CHECKLIST PROCEDURES FOR RECLASSIFICATION

A template of the checklist was in board packet. Michelle Jaynes met with NRCS employee, Relissa Nials to answer the questions on the checklist. The completed paperwork was sent to BOR.

WENDELL SMITH, CONCERN REGARDING AHCD CUSTOM WORK

Wendell Smith had some concerns about AHCD performing custom work. Most of custom work performed by Arch Hurley employees is done when the equipment is close by and a landowner wants something done quickly.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Phillip Box wanted to express his opinion about landowners not accepting their water, they were charged for the water, but possibly a penalty also. On concern of Wendell Smith with Arch Hurley doing custom work, Arch Hurley might charge a little less, but some of the equipment was paid for with money generated thru assessments. He thinks custom rates are at a fair price. With respect to flushing the system, it went well except for the weeds and corn residue. Maybe build weed racks to cut down on propane usage. Correct wording to cover a broad spectrum on the Water Smart Grant could be beneficial for a wide use of the grant.

Jeff Strom of Big Mesa told everyone of up-coming elections in June and a loan grant program Big Mesa is participation in to improve the water quality of their system.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Perkins stated that he was contacted by a landowner who wanted AHCD to install a pipeline so that he would be able to received irrigation water. The area in question has quite a few underground utility lines. Director Perkins in next conversation with landowner will suggest a pumping permit.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Robert Lopez

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

