

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

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Directors Present: Larry Perkins, President; Tom Bruhn, Vice President; U.V. Henson, Secretary/Treasurer; Pablo Lopez, Director; John Gilbertson, Director

Directors/Staff
Absent:

Staff Present: Franklin McCasland, District Manager; Donna Lafferty, Office Manager

Guests Present: Chelle Delaney of Quay County Sun; Phillip Box; Thomas Evans, Pete Tatschl; Robert Evans; Don Lopez; David Foote, Robert Abercrombie, Jimmy Speed, Robert Curtis

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, District President Perkins called this meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the district office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING JUNE 12, 2008-

Director Gilbertson moved to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's June 12, 2008. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4 - 0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins - "YES"	Lopez - "YES"
Bruhn - "YES"	Gilbertson - YES
Henson - "ABSTAIN"	

VISITORS COMMENTS-

Phillip Box stated that the recent rains are good.

Robert Abercrombie stated that his parents received 3.75 inches of rain last night.

Pete Tatschl suggested that AHCH consider adopting Robert's Rules of Order and agreed with lawyer, Peter Shoenfeld's recommendations to the court, and found them very interesting and strongly supported them and hopes that the Board does also, guard any new up-stream takings and oppose resurrecting old water rights for new uses.

MANAGER'S REPORT

For the month of June, Arch Hurley delivered 2381.06 acre feet of water in the project. The release from Conchas was 7764 acre feet. That equates to a 30.6% delivery rate. Inflow into Conchas this month was 2891 acre feet, compared to 5429 acre feet of inflow for May.

On June 16th, I was informed that a ditch rider was injured and damage to his vehicle was done while pulling a bull from the canal. This seems to have been normal policy for the employees in the past. This year we have removed 12-15 head of livestock from the canals. After the past employee injury and the potential liability for injured livestock, I have asked the employees to inform the livestock owner of the location of the animal and not to remove it.

On June 25th Mark called around 5:15 a.m. and informed me that water was running in the Pajarito Creek. Mark went up to the Jack County check and reported that the water was rain water coming into the creek west of Tucumcari from the T-4 area.

On June 28th we received a good rain across a large portion of the project area. With the additional rain water inflow into the system, Mark called Conchas that night and cut the release from 150cfs to 80 cfs and cut back 90 cfs from county line check to keep the safety relief valve at Jack County from going off. After the water levels returned to normal the following day, we went to a release of 130cfs from Conchas.

On Wednesday July 2nd, I attended an Agriculture Bioterrorism Workshop that was sponsored by Homeland Security. Attending the workshop was local, state, and federal officials. The animal disease that was chose for the tabletop exercise was foot and mouth disease. The exercise went through a series of events and the roll that was expected from all of the public officials. It also covered the financial and economic loss to the area, as well as the psychological and mental stress on the local citizens. This same disease broke out in the U.K. in the early 90s. It cost the British Government one million dollars per minute to eradicate the F.M.D. Over 86 livestock producers committed suicide and as of today the region still has not recovered. A disease such as this in our area would have a devastating affect on Arch Hurley.

On Thursday July 3rd, we received another rain in the Tucumcari area, but no measurable amount in the Conchas water shed that would benefit Arch Hurley.

Last night, July 8, 2008 someone vandalized the Blue Water check waste way. Mark found the waste way opened on his morning rounds. The canal's surface between check 25 and Tucumcari check was lost. The employees are working to get the levels back to normal. We may lose water delivery to some of our down stream customers later today.

DISCUSSION/ACTION 2008 ALLOCATION REVIEW

Director Lopez moved that no additional water be allocated at this time. It was seconded by Director Bruhn. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins - "Yes"
Bruhn - "YES"
Henson - "YES"

Lopez - "YES"
Glibertson "YES"

DISCUSSION/ACTION ROBERT RITTER & RIMROCK ROSE LLC

Director Bruhn made the motion that Manager McCasland and any directors available to attend the mediation hearing on July 21, 2008. It was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0. The hearing is at 9 a.m., Room 326 of the Roundhouse. An advertisement for an out-of-town meeting will be completed in case 3 or more of the directors attend.

Directors Voted:

Perkins - "YES"

Lopez - "YES"

Bruhn - "YES"

Gilbertson - YES

Henson - "YES"

DISCUSSION/ACTION STRATEGIC WORKSHOP

In the Board packet are 4 different types of plans. The Board chose the "Mission Statement and Goal-based Strategic Plan". Director Gilbertson presented his written short and long range ideas for AHCD. The Strategic Plan will be posted on AHCD and Pete Tatschl's web site and will have copies of plan available at the front office. Pre. Perkins stated that he had one, just failed to bring it to the meeting. This will be on the August agenda.

DISCUSSION/ACTION SKIP VERNON

A hearing has been set for August 27, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the Quay County Courthouse. The purpose of the hearing is to strike the counterclaim. There will be an advertisement in case 3 or more directors attend. This item will be on the August agenda.

DISCUSSION/ACTION-ROBERT ABERCROMBIE

On May 18, 2008 there was a breach on the lateral below Robert Abercrombie's house. It was caught immediately and repaired. After discussing various options, Manager McCasland was directed to contact the insurance company about this.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AMEND PERSONNEL MANUAL #403

Director Bruhn made the motion to amend the Personnel Manual #403 which will mandate payroll payments be made with "Direct Deposit". It was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins - "YES"

Lopez - "YES"

Bruhn - "Yes"

Gilbertson - "YES"

Henson - "YES"

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS-

President Perkins commented how well AHCD employees are working together. I also appreciated it when ditch riders notify farmers that their water is almost out. The ditch riders are doing a great job of keeping track of the water and the communication is great.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS -

Director Gilbertson had no comments.

Director Lopez asked that the ditchriders shut off the water gate below when the water is shut-off at the main canal.

Director Bruhn asked about the June water chart. Manager McCasland stated that it was in his office.

Director Henson had no comments.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS-

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills, seconded by Director Gilbertson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins - "YES"

Lopez - "YES"

Bruhn - "YES"

Gilbertson - YES

Henson - "YES"

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. with unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Larry Perkins, President

ATTEST:

Secretary, UV Henson