

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

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

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

**Directors/Staff
Absent:**

Staff Present: Franklin McCasland, District Manager; Donna Lafferty, Office Manager; Mark Preciado, Water Master.

Guests Present: Thomas Evans, Robert Evans, Catherine Bugg, Jimmy Speed, Drake Swenson, Phillip Box, Harry Heckendorn, Tom Dominguez, Roberta Ball and Steve Peterson of US Army Corp of Engineers, Tim Farmer and Greg Quartieri of District VII, Rex Kirksey, Rex Maddaford, Donald Carter, Tom Bauler and Ray Bates.

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 Perkins called this meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the District Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by President Perkins and the Invocation was given by Tom Bruhn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MARCH 9, 2010-

Director Lopez made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's March 9, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4163.6 feet. Conchas Lake received 2642 acre feet of inflow for the month of March. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas lake was 4161.7 feet.

On March 16, the 2010 assessments were mailed out.

The Maintenance Dept. has got the mobile 8" pump and the Chrysler motor running to assist the USACE in de watering the outlet of the conduits at Conchas. They also got two of the diesel motors and pumps running that were used in the late seventies during the drought.

On March 30, I was notified by Gregory Pelton that the trial will be held in Tucumcari on the week of October 4. This is in regards to the drowning in the canal in 2006.

On April 1, Joe Alderete from the BOR came to the office and informed us that we were accepted for the \$25,000.00 Water Conservation Grant. He said that we should receive a grant agreement sometime this month. He covered the reporting and documentation that will be required by Arch Hurley to get reimbursed for the grant expenditures. He also suggested that next year we apply for \$5,000.00 to update our water conservation plan. He will let us know when that grant is being accepted.

On April 5, I spoke with Catherine Robinson and Nate Gentry from DuMars office about setting up a meeting with the new area director of the BOR. I have been trying to meet with Mike Hamman with no luck on setting a meeting date. They will try to get a meeting scheduled in April.

On April 8, I met Tim Farmer, Greg Quartier, and Buster Chavez from the State Engineers Office in Cimarron in the Mora area to view diversions at Buena Vista Ranch. Chick Burney, the ranch foreman for Buena Vista Ranch, met us and showed us all of the diversions from four land owners on the La Cueva ditch. It was suggested that the Ranch install a Sutron flow meter. The Ranch is willing to do what is right to show that they are not diverting more water than allowed. The ranch is 75,000 acres and has 2300 irrigated acres. They stopped diverting water from the Mora River on March 15th.

On April 9, Joe Alderete from the BOR returned with Marsha Carr. She is the BOR Environmental Protection Specialist; she had to inspect the areas that we plan to apply the bentonite.

I called Steve Lewandowski from USGS in Albuquerque regarding the Taylor Springs gauging station that is out of service. I have not received an answer back as to when the meter will be repaired and put back into service.

The Maintenance Dept. is completing some custom work in the district. Today and tomorrow they will be in Conchas working with the USACE and running the pumps. If the board would like to see the pumps run they are invited to go to Conchas. I will need

to know if you plan on attending as the USACE safety inspector will be present and will want all visitors to wear a hard hat. The Water Dept. is dragging the laterals to start burning. The wind this month has caused very limited burning in the district.

Manager McCasland gave a power point presentation. There were pictures of pumping out the coffer dam and cleaning out siphons. Director Henson asked when the siphons will be inspected. Manager McCasland stated that it will be sometime in April or May. Director Gilbertson made the comment that it's good that if needed the pumps could be ran just to show that water can be taken out of Conchas Lake. President Perkins wanted to congratulate the crew for getting the pumps at Conchas going. It has been a long time- 1978 or 1979 since the pumps were used.

VISITORS COMMENTS

Steve Peterson of the US Army Corp of Engineers wanted to thank Arch Hurley for cleaning the coffer dam. We really appreciate it.

CATHERING BUGG

Catherine Bugg stated that the Heartland Youth Leadership student for Arch Hurley is Elizabeth Smith. Elizabeth is a junior at the high school and her parents are Nancy and Keith Smith. She was unable to attend the board meeting due to testing at the high school. Elizabeth came to the office Monday afternoon and met Manager McCasland and office employees Donna Lafferty and Tara Hatfield.

ROBERTA BALL, USACE REPORT

Roberta Ball gave a power point presentation on the snow pack that affects the Canadian Basin and Conchas Lake. She reviewed her forecast of 2009 and then showed what actually happened. Last year at this time the snow pack was 60% of average basin wide. This year it is 160%. Using rainfall and temperature as a perspective this area isn't in a drought thru June is the prediction. This predication doesn't take water storage into account. The predication for precipitation is maybe a little higher April thru June. The prediction for temperature July thru September, the growing season, is a little warmer than normal and precipitation isn't going to be above average for that time period. The prediction is 50,000 af of run-in into Conchas Lake from the snow pack. A little over 2,000 af of run-in went into Conchas Lake last month.

WATER ALLOCATION

Director Bruhn made the motion to not allocate any water at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5 – 0.

	Directors Voted:	
Perkins – “YES”		Lopez – “YES”
Bruhn – “YES”	Gilbertson – “YES”	Henson – “YES”

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR GRANT

Director Lopez made the motion to submit the application for the Grant per Manager’s recommendations. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5 – 0. Manager McCasland would like to use \$100,000.00 for bentonite and \$20,000.00 for flow meters.

	Directors Voted:	
Perkins – “YES”		Lopez – “YES”
Bruhn – “YES”	Gilbertson – “YES”	Henson – “YES”

BOR FEDERAL SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Manager McCasland stated that our request for federal surplus was denied because there isn’t statutory authority. Manager McCasland stated that when he speaks to the new area director, federal surplus and the request of Harry Heckendorn will be discussed among other issues.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Henson stated that he noticed the payment to the BOR for 2010 is \$58,255.00, which is the minimum payment.

Director Bruhn asked about the time on getting the laterals ready. Mark Preciado stated that they were dragging them since burning hasn’t been an option because of the number of windy days. Donald Carter asked if water was available, how long it would take to get water to irrigate. Manager McCasland stated that it would take 10 days to get ready and water to the District.

President Perkins wanted to commend Franklin, crew and office staff for all their hard work and keeping things going. The crew used common sense and knowledge of not burning when conditions were unfavorable. I appreciate the ditchriders driving around the District. I have received comments about the ditchriders not contacting the landowners when going thru their area, maybe the ditchriders could have more personal contact with the landowners in their area. The priority list should be used so that it will benefit the most landowners in approving the District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Lopez made the motion to go into executive session at 10:17 a.m. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. A roll call was taken, results follow. Motion carried 4 – 1.

	Directors Voted:	
Perkins – “YES”		Lopez – “YES”
Bruhn – “YES”	Gilbertson – “NO”	Henson – “YES”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Bruhn made the motion to come out of executive session at 11:25 a.m. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. A roll call was taken, results follow. Motion carried 5 – 0. President Perkins stated that only limited personnel matters and pending litigation was discussed.

	Directors Voted:	
Perkins – “YES”		Lopez – “YES”
Bruhn – “YES”	Gilbertson – “YES”	Henson – “YES”

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Bruhn. 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 11:26 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

