

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

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

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

**Directors/Staff
Absent:** Heartland Student; Elizabeth Smith

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

Guests Present: Thomas Evans, Robert Evans, Jimmy Speed, Drake Swenson, Phillip Box, Carl Foote, Paul Estrada, Jerald White, Daniel Garcia, Rex Kirksey, Wilbert Pederson, Robert Curtis, Albert Lopez, Robert Lopez 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 9:02 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 Manager Franklin McCasland.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
June 7, 2010-**

Director Bruhn made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's June 7, 2010 meeting as amended to include under Directors/Staff Absent the name of Heartland Student Elizabeth Smith. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. 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 4166.0 feet. [Conchas Lake](#) received 6,322 acre feet of inflow for the month of June. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4161.5 feet.

On June 9th, we received a call from Stephanie Bartlett from the BOR. This call was in regards to the \$250K Water Smart Grant that Arch Hurley had applied. She requested some additional information on the grant application and informed us that our grant was going to the next level for funding consideration.

On June 15th, we started releasing water from Conchas Lake. The ordered release was 200cfs. This was the released for three days and on the fourth day it was raised to 275cfs. That fourth morning we were measuring only 80cfs at check 25. This was 115cfs more than the 2008 release and took 24 hours longer to get the water to the County line check. Mark and Craig drove the Main Canal many times looking for a plug or problems. There was nothing found in the system. There were several calls to the USACE with our concerns. The next week we were informed that the [flow meters](#) were removed during the painting of the conduit and not reinstalled after the painting was completed. The USACE was estimating the cfs releases from past releases of the gauge height. This is not an acceptable method of measurement for a water flow release. I called Gary Cordova from the USACE and he scheduled the USGS to come and set up the gauging station at Tunnel One. When the measurement was completed by the USGS, they measured 140cfs and the USACE was guessing by gauge height that the release was 180cfs. Gary has informed me that the USACE has gone out to bid to reinstall the [flow meter](#) and should be completed within 30 days.

On June 25, Mike Trujillo called the office and informed us that the Main Canal was leaking and filling his [septic tank](#). Craig and I went out and looked over the area. We found that water was coming from his dirt ditch below the weir blade. It was his problem to resolve not Arch Hurley`s.

On June 30, irrigation water was discovered seeping from the Conchas lateral. It was quickly sealed. Craig found a tree root that was causing the leak. The ditch rider is checking the ditch every day on his rounds.

On July 12, I spoke with Tim Farmer District VII OSE Manager. They are working on installing flow meters on the La Cueva ditch and at the Buena Vista Ranch. This will give a detailed and accurate account on the amount of water diverted from the Mora River.

The irrigation delivery this year has gone relatively smooth once we started receiving the amount of water that was ordered from the lake. Jason Latham, from the maintenance department, is filling in as ditch rider in Unit F, he is doing a good job in that unit.

The water delivery efficiency for the month of June was at 27.3%. To date for the month of July, we are at 41.0% on water delivery. Yesterday was the first day that the orders dropped below 40cfs.

Director Gilbertson asked about the flow meters at Conchas Dam. Manager McCasland stated that it was an oversight on the reinstallation not being in the specifications of the bid. The amount needed to reinstall and calibrate the 2 meters is \$4,300. Measurements have been taken at Tunnel 1 thru USGS and Arch Hurley now knows the person to call concerning this.

VISITORS COMMENTS

Ray Bates wanted to know the date when the gates would be reinstalled.

WATER ALLOCATION

Director Lopez made the motion to allocate 3” of water at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Bruhn. Motion carried 5–0.

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

REQUEST OF ALBERT LOPEZ

Director Bruhn made the motion to approve the request of Albert Lopez to connect to Arch Hurley’s pipeline on the Kemper Lateral. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5–0.

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

APPROVE 2009 AUDIT

Director Henson made the motion to approve the 2009 Audit. The motion was seconded by Director Bruhn. Motion carried 5–0.

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

BOR 2010 SIPHONS INSPECTION REPORT

On May 20th five of Arch Hurley's siphons were inspected by the BOR. The entire report is the board packet.

E-MAIL LETTER FROM BOR AREA DIRECTOR MIKE HAMMAN

A letter was sent to Mr. Hamman thanking him for coming to tour the Arch Hurley facilities in May. Mr. Hamman replied to that letter with an up-date on the progress of the federal screening program.

E-MAIL LETTER FROM GREGORY PELTON

An e-mail from Mr. Pelton stated that an expert from Santa Fe wanted to visit the irrigation ditch and tunnel in reference to a drowning. Mr. Pelton requested a close-up picture of the warning that is painted on the concrete wall. An early October trial is expected.

JOHN GILBERTSON'S PRESENTATION

Director Gilbertson handed out to the manager and directors copies of letters dating back to December 5, 1938. Those letters are attached and are a part of these minutes. Manager McCasland was instructed to locate a letter to State Engineer's Office. This will be on the agenda at the August 10, 2010 board meeting.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Bruhn stated that the ditchriders are working good together and asked how the drainage was behind Jack Goen's property. Manager McCasland stated that he hasn't heard anything from Mr. Goen on this.

Director Lopez asked about Phillip Griggs. Manager McCasland stated that he is taking physical therapy at the present time.

President Perkins wanted to commend the crews on staying busy. At the next meeting he would like to compare the efficiency of the water runs of 2008, before the canals were cleaned out, and 2010, after the canals were cleaned. President Perkins stated that even though it will affect the efficiency, the water needs to be left on even if the orders drop

below the 40 af. The reports of the delivery/carry water will be helpful in determining areas for modernization outlined in Arch Hurley’s Strategic Plan.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

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

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Director Pablo Lopez

Director John Gilbertson

