

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

Tuesday, September 14, 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: Jimmy Speed, Phillip Box, David Foote, Ray Bates, and Kip Elms and Allen Akers from CPS.

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 President Perkins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
August 10, 2010**

Director Lopez made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's August 10, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Gilbertson. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “ABSTAIN”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “ABSTAIN”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4163.9 feet. Conchas Lake received 9,569 acre feet of inflow for the month of August. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4163.3 feet.

On August 11, I had lunch with Senator Bingaman. We discussed Arch Hurley's need to access federal surplus equipment. I gave him the statutes that Chuck DuMars researched and the letter that was delivered to the BOR Commissioner Mike Connors in November.

On August 24, the flow transducers were installed on the conduits at Conchas. We were told that everything was working properly. On Saturday, August 28 we couldn't keep our surface up on the Main Canal. We went up Conchas and read the USGS staff gauge. Our orders for release were 120cfs and there was only 80cfs released. We called out the USACE and opened the gates. They are to have the firm come back out and re-calibrate the flow meters.

On August 31, I attended a NMDOT surplus equipment auction in Santa Fe. Their equipment was in worse shape than ours. All of the equipment had a minimum bid. Nothing was purchased.

The water delivery for the month of August was relatively smooth other than the problems with the release from Conchas. We are going to Conchas once a week to pull weeds off of the trash rack. This month we have a delivery efficiency of 50.6%. This is a result of 1/3 of the month with orders between 80 and 90 cfs and holding storm water from August rains in the system for later use.

In the board packet is a letter from DFA approving Arch Hurley's 2011 Final Budget.

We are wrapping up the spraying of salt cedars and other woody vegetation along the canal for this year. The maintenance department is mowing in the district. There have been large amounts of moss in the lower laterals this year. We have been researching for a herbicide that will control the moss without harming crops.

VISITORS COMMENTS

No comments from the visitors.

WATER ALLOCATION

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

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

APPROVE RELEASE OF LIEN 200908030011

Director Gilbertson made the motion to approve the release of lien. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5–0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

REVIEW AND APPROVE LETTERS & LIENS ON PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Director Henson made the motion to approve the 2 letters. The second letter will have the wording corrected so that it reflects that the letter is coming from the District. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5–0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

BOR WATER SMART GRANT INFORMATION

Enclosed are some of the documents for the \$120,000.00 Water Smartgrant. Manager McCasland stated that he spoke with Joe Alderete of the BOR in Albuquerque this morning. Manager McCasland will notify Mr. Alderete when the water is turned off and the canal system is dry, then the work will begin. Once this grant is completed, then Arch Hurley will start with the \$25,000.00 Water Conservation Grant. Mr. Alderete needed a status report filled out this week and to be notified of when to schedule the application of the bentonite.

UPDATE ON THE MORA DIVERSIONS

Manager McCasland at the August meeting gave the Directors a copy of an illegal diversion that was reported in the Mora area. Enclosed is the documents from SEO Tim Farmer and Greg Quartieri. Tim and Greg inspected and identified it as an illegal diversion on Waltrous Valley Ranch. A copy of the letter that was sent to the Waltrous Valley Ranch was enclosed. In the letter Waltrous Valley Ranch had a deadline of 8/31/2010 to contact the District VII Office with intentions to resolve this situation. President Perkins asked if Arch Hurley had heard about their response from Tim or Greg and asked Manager McCasland to check to see if and what the Waltrous Ranch response was.

LOW-BAND RADIO CHANGES

Manager McCasland was directed to convert and abide by all the requirements to keep the 2-way radios. A license will also need to be purchased for this change. The cost would be about \$600-\$700 to convert and comply with new regulations.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Lopez asked if the financial reports could be completed in time to be in the Board packet. Manager McCasland stated that it was difficult because of bank statements and closing out the month.

President Perkins stated that we have had a good run this year. He stated that he has heard comments about how pleased everyone is. These comments have been made from people from in and out of his district. The ditchriders are communicating much better.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Bruhn made the motion to go into executive session. Director Lopez seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all the directors voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

Director Bruhn made the motion to come out of executive session. Director Gilbertson seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all the directors voted yes. Motion carried 5-0. President Perkins stated that only limited personnel matters were 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”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

