

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

**Tuesday, November 9, 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; Craig Hoffman, Maintenance Supervisor.

**Guests Present:** Jimmy Speed, Phillip Box, David Foote, Ray Bates, and Robert Evans.

**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  
October 12, 2010**

Director Bruhn made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's October 12, 2010 meeting with the addition of "roads and rights-of-way" after laterals under the request to revise Resolution 97-012.. 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 4162.3 feet. Conchas Lake received 512 acre feet of inflow for the month of October compared to 7,936 acre feet of inflow for the month of September. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4163.7 feet. The irrigation delivery efficiency for the month of October was 70.9%.

On October 15, the release gates were closed at Conchas to end the irrigation season. We delivered water for nine days on the Conchas side and ten days on the Hudson side.

On October 18, the ditch rider in C-Unit was involved in a single car accident. The vehicle was totaled in the accident.

We have some areas in the main canal of the project that the side of the canal has sloughed off. The maintenance department will make those repairs this winter. With the canals drained, there was a large amount of cattail growth in the system. The worse areas were below check 5 past check 7 to the Mater Lateral on the Hudson and below Siphon 32 to the Farrow Lateral. We will need to control this next year before the cattails and moss get ahead of us.

On October 25-28, the office staff was out of town for the annual BOR RRA workshop.

Craig has received quotes from two companies to supply us with bentonite. One is out of Wyoming and the other from Texas. We will start on this as soon as the canals dry. The starting point on the bentonite application will began at check 25 and go up stream from there.

The ditch rider are pulling gates that were leaking or not working properly and installing weir blades and staff gauges where they are also needed. We will start cement repairs on the ditches soon.

The District Office will be closed on November 12, in observance of Veterans Day.

The maintenance department has replaced the bushings and pins on the long reach Hyundai excavator and performed a complete service of the machine. We are receiving quotes for the pins and bushings for the John Deere excavator as well as a new ditch digging bucket. Some of the quotes are in the information part of the board packet. It will be a little over \$6K for the parts and bucket. The two excavators will be ready soon to start on both of the water conservation grant projects.

We have mailed 80 letters to Class A land owners that were less than three years delinquent on assessments. The dollar amount on these totaled \$54,143.86. We also mailed 27 certified letters that were over three years past due on assessments. The dollar amount on those totaled \$44,387.82. We will file property liens on those landowners that have not paid by the first week of December 2010.

I spoke with Greg Quartieri of SEO and Greg stated that the diversion on the Mora River that Arch Hurley discussed at the last board meeting the landowner has applied for an

alternate point of diversion. The application has to go thru the Tipton Ditch Company for approval also.

President Larry Perkins asked if at that elevation could Arch Hurley still get water out and Manager McCasland replied yes. The water orders were about 34-39 af when the water was turned off.

### **VISITORS COMMENTS**

No comments from the visitors.

### **REVIEW OF CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION**

The elevation at Conchas Lake is 4162.3. The weeds are cleaned off the screen since the water is turned off, however the weeds are still in the channel. It is the responsibility of the Corp of Engineers to take care of the weeds. Manager McCasland stated that he would call Gary Cordova about taking care of these weeds in the future. President Perkins stated that the Salt Ceders have been sprayed all the way to Conchas Lake.

### **REVIEW INSURANCE SETTLEMENT ON AUTO**

Manager McCasland informed the Board that the insurance company valued the pick-up at \$10, 886.00 and with the \$500.00 deductible Arch Hurley will receive \$10, 386.00. The insurance company was contacted and that vehicle will be removed from Arch Hurley's policy.

### **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-009**

Director Lopez made the motion to approve Resolution 2010-009. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0. This resolution refers to budget increase on insurance recoveries.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-010**

Director Bruhn made the motion to approve Resolution 2010-010. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5–0. This resolution refers to an inter-fund budget adjustment to purchase two 4-wheel drive pick-ups.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **UTE LAKE WATER TO TUCUMCARI LAKE**

Director Bruhn made the motion to approve Manager McCasland to attend meetings concerning this issue and express the opinion that Arch Hurley Conservancy District is against this proposal. The motion was seconded by Director Gilbertson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **AHCD PERSONNEL HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS**

.Director Bruhn made the motion to approve Manager McCasland to locate a firm to update the Handbook and for Manager McCasland to inform the Directors of the cost. The motion was seconded by Director Gilbertson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **BOR CANAL OPERATIONS AND CONTROL WORKSHOP**

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Director Bruhn made the motion to approve that 2 employees attend this workshop. The motion was seconded by Director Gilbertson. Motion carried 5-0. This workshop will be held January 31-February 4, 2011 in Denver, Colorado. Director Bruhn wanted the attendees to hold classes with the ditchriders to provide them with the information obtained at the workshop that would apply to Arch Hurley.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Director Henson asked about buying the 2 pick-ups before the first of the year. The bids are between \$22,000.00-\$22,500.00. At this time, Chevrolet is the least expensive. Director Henson also asked about calling other irrigation districts about the measuring devices that they use. Manager McCasland thought that this could be some of the information that would be given at this workshop.

Director Gilbertson asked about how much water was released from the lake and how much water got to the county line. Manager McCasland stated that the area from the Conchas Lake to Check 25 in A Unit is where the biggest loss is. Director Gilbertson also asked about the cost of a 16' cattle guard.

Director Bruhn stated that his 16' cattle guard costs about \$1,200.00, however the cattle guards don't require a hole being dug. He also stated that he would like to change Arch Hurley's policy so that Arch Hurley works with the landowners and not against them. I would like to protect Arch Hurley in case of a lawsuit.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “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”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. 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 11:15 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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President Larry Perkins

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

