

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

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

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

Directors/Staff John Gilbertson, Director

Absent:

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

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, Phillip Box, David Foote, Ray Bates, Tom Dominquez and Steve Peterson, Daniel Martinez and Zoe Stevens from USACE.

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 9:07 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
November 9, 2010**

Director Henson made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's November 9, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “ABSENT”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4162.1 feet. Conchas Lake received 507 acre feet of inflow for the month of November. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas lake was 4162.7 feet.

The F.O.A. have been released from the BOR for 2011. We will research those water grants and bring to the board for discussion at the next meeting. We have ordered the bentonite for the first water conservation grant. The bentonite is scheduled to arrive the second week of January.

The maintenance department has started working on installing the 10 foot culvert under Madrid Bridge. They should have the footing poured later this week for the head walls.

We have been working with a legal firm from Albuquerque, Williams & Wiggins. They have been reviewing our employee personnel handbook. I was hoping that it would be finished for this board meeting however, it is not finished at this time. It will be presented to the board at the next meeting in January.

On December 13, we filed 13 liens on property that were three years or more delinquent in assessments. The total dollar amount was \$19,512.81.

Craig and Mark are registered for the BOR canal operation classes in Denver that will start the last of January.

Craig has completed his annual CEU`s required to retain his public pesticide license. In the board`s packet is a letter from NMSU that there will be a pesticide applicators workshop in Tucumcari on 3/2/11. Also in the board`s packet is a letter to the State Auditor Hector Balderas requesting approval for Chester Mattocks, CPA to complete Arch Hurley`s 2010 audit. This is the third year of a multi-year proposal.

We would like to invite the board members and their family to the Arch Hurley Christmas Dinner. It will be this Friday at noon at the Norton Fire Station.

2010 Irrigation Season History

Month	Water Delivered	Water Released	Percent of Delivery
June	1,343	4,638.8	28.9%
July	2,888	6,817.8	42.4%
August	3,968	7,840.8	50.6%
September	4,937	10,208	48.4%
October	2,102	2,966	70.9%
Total	15,238	32,471.4	46.9%

The irrigation season began on June 15th 2010, with the ordered release from Conchas Lake at 200 C.F.S. The released stayed at 200 C.F.S. for five days to charge the delivery system.

On October 15th 2010, the release gates were closed at Conchas Lake to end the irrigation season. Water was delivered for nine days on the Conchas side of the delivery system, and ten days on the Hudson side of the delivery system after the release gates were closed.

The water allocation for 2010 was June 8; 2” allocated, July 13; 3” allocated, August 10; 3” allocated for a total of 8” for the 2010 irrigation season.

Note: Water delivered/released is listed in Acre Feet

VISITORS COMMENTS

Phillip Box stated that he spoke to Lt. Governor-elect John Sanchez and he was very acceptable with the idea of applying pressure to the State Engineer's Office about the monitoring of water.

Tom Dominguez stated that there are some 2011 calendars with information about NM noxious weeds available to take home. Tom also stated that if any of these weeds are spotted to report it to him.

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS 2010-009 AND 2010-010

Correspondence from the State of New Mexico indicates that the 2 resolutions were approved by DFA.

PROPOSED WASTEWATER REUSE LINE TO NMSUAEC

Randy Hewitt of Surveying Control Incorporated in Albuquerque is wanting to cross a lateral between Sections 1 and 12. This is treated wastewater from the City to go to NMSU Experiment Station for research. Mr. Hewitt was informed that the right-of-way is 50' in that area. Mr. Hewitt was also informed that an application must be submitted, it must be approved by BOR, and there is a \$300.00 fee.

STEVE PETERSON AND JOE MARTINEZ OF USACE

Steve Peterson, Joe Martinez, and Zoe Stevens from USACE were present to inform the Board of how the problem of the weeds in the channel were going to be addressed. The solution is to get 3 quotes and go out for bid for a crane to remove weeds and silt from the channel. The estimated cost of this is \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00 and the time period would be 1-2 days. A chain link fence could be installed as preventative maintenance to catch the weeds and spraying the weeds was also discussed. Manager McCasland was directed to work with the Corp of Engineers on this project and to share information back and forth. Manager McCasland stated that this has been a successful year with both entities working together.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-011

Director Bruhn made the motion to approve Resolution 2010-011. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0. This resolution refers to public notification of meetings for 2011.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “ABSENT”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE BONUSES

Director Lopez made the motion to approve a net bonus of \$500.00 for the Arch Hurley employees. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “ABSENT”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

AHCD PERSONNEL HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Director Bruhn made the motion to table any action on the AHCD Personnel Handbook. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0. Manager McCasland stated that the estimated cost will be about \$300.00.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “ABSENT”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Henson stated that Craig Hoffman and he went to the Farm Show in Amarillo to look at measuring devices. He stated that there weren't any measuring devices at the Farm Show, but they did look at some spraying equipment.

President Perkins wanted to thank Manager McCasland for keeping the District in good condition and up-grading it. I would like to brag on the overall 47% efficiency on the water run. I would like to comment on how well the crew worked together and the communication between employees. Pre. Perkins asked the rest of the Board to attend the Christmas Dinner on Friday.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0.

Perkins – “YES”
Bruhn – “YES”

Directors Voted:

Gilbertson – “ABSENT”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Vice President Tom Bruhn

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

