

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

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Directors Present: Larry Perkins; President, Pablo Lopez, Director, John Gilbertson, Director.

Directors/Staff Absent: Tom Bruhn; Vice President, UV Henson; Secretary/Treasurer

Staff Present: Franklin McCasland, District Manager; Craig Hoffman, Maintenance Supervisor, Donna Lafferty, Office Manager.

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, David Foote, Ray Bates, Tom Dominquez, and Phillip Box.

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 Larry Perkins and the Invocation was given by Phillip Box.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
January 11, 2011**

Director Lopez made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's January 11, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Gilbertson. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES ”
Bruhn – “ABSENT”

Gilbertson – “YES ”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “ABSENT”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4162.1 feet. Conchas Lake received 1,014 acre feet of inflow for the month of January. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas lake was 4162.95 feet.

As of February 1, 2011 the Stream flow forecasts for the Canadian River Basin range from 83 percent of average for Ponil Creek near Cimarron to 42 percent of median for the Conchas Reservoir Inflow. Year-to-date high elevation precipitation in the Canadian River Basin is somewhat below average at 84 percent, down from last year's 113 percent. Snowpack in the basin is 54 percent of average, well below last year's 110 percent.

We have received the full shipment of bentonite for the first water conservation grant. Once this grant is complete we will start on the water smart grant.

We have completed an audit from the District's workers comp. insurance carrier. We should receive a small refund for the 2010 year.

The men are close to finishing the forms on the north side of Madrid Bridge. Whenever the weather permits we will pour the head wall in front of the culvert.

The deep freeze that we had last week froze and busted water lines at many of the Arch Hurley homes and in the maintenance shop. Everything is repaired at this time and hopefully we have enough insulation on everything before the next big freeze arrives.

From January 31st to February 4th, Craig and Mark attended the Modern Methods in Canal Operation and Control training course in Denver Colorado at the BOR Federal Center.

We have applied and submitted for two Water Conservation Grants. Both grants are for the application of bentonite in the Main Canal. The first one is the Water Smart Grant. This grant is \$51K in federal funding and \$71,713.56 of in-kind services for a total of \$122,713.59. The second application is the Water Conservation Field Services Program Grant. This Grant is \$100K in federal funding and \$106,194.42 of in-kind services for a total of \$206,194.42. I want to commend Tara for working on these grants and meeting the application deadline.

The board is aware the BOR has discontinued the crop census reporting program, however they want Arch Hurley to inform the BOR a dollar amount for income on Class A lands. I will call landowners and come up with an estimate of income. With only eight inches of water allocated for the 2010 year, our debt payment will be the minimum payment.

The office staff will begin working on the 2011 water assessments and mail them out in March.

Manager McCasland stated that he is going to delay burning.

President Perkins stated that Arch Hurley should pay the minimum payment of approximately \$58K and continue paying that amount. I would like for Manager McCasland to talk with BOR and tell them that the contract states that \$58K is the minimum amount to be paid and would like something in writing stating that the contract states \$58K is what we pay, crop census or not.

Director Gilbertson stated that he would like to know what percentage of water goes thru what percentage of gates. Reserves are being used to keep the assessments somewhat affordable and there hasn't been much of an allocation the last few years.

Craig Hoffman thanked the Board for sending Mark and him to the workshop, it was very informative. Craig gave a power point presentation on examples of ramp flumes and overshot gates that were part of the Modern Methods in Canal Operation and Control training course.

**APPROVE 2011-001 AND 2011-002
PERTAINING TO WATER SMART AND WCFSP GRANTS**

Director Gilbertson made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-001 and Resolution 2011-002. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 3-0. The Water Smart Grant is for approximately \$122, 713.00 and the WCFSP Grant is for approximately \$206,194.00.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “ABSENT”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “ABSENT”

JOSEPH ALDERETE

Mr. Alderete was unable to attend due to bad weather. Mr. Alderete will visit Arch Hurley in the near future.

APPROVE AUDIT PROPOSAL FOR IPA FOR 2010, 2011, AND 2012

Director Lopez made the motion to approve the audit bid of Sandra Rush, CPA, PC for the years 2010, 2011, and 2012. The motion was seconded by Director Gilbertson. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “ABSENT”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “ABSENT”

SUSAN WOODS OF THE BOR

The information in the Board packet addressed the property at the Conchas Dam outlets to Tunnel 1. The Bureau of Reclamation owns that property. The Arch Hurley Board would like a letter from the BOR stating all the property within the District that it owns and also that it will not sell any of this property. Manager McCasland stated that he would meet with BOR Area Director Mike Hamman about this issue.

COURT ORDER OF ARCH HURLEY vs. SKIP VERNON

The court case will not be dismissed because Mr. Vernon had discussed the case with Attorney Chuck DuMars within the last twelve months and Mr. Vernon does not want the case to be dismissed. Mr. Vernon was informed by Arch Hurley's attorney that the law suit, if it goes forward, will be split into two cases, one on the water and one on the chemical.

2011 ELECTION RULES, TIMETABLE, AND PROCEDURE

Manager McCasland informed the Board that the paperwork in the board packet was sent to Chuck DuMars to be reviewed. Manager McCasland stated that none of the forms were changed, the only change is to allow for early voting.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

President Perkins wanted to thank the Board and Management for the thoughts and prayers he received during and after his knee surgery. President Perkins thanked Craig Hoffman and Mark Preciado for attending the Modern Methods in Canal Operation and Control Workshop in Denver and would also like some consistency in the readings of the flow meter once Arch Hurley starts to use it- possibly through the training of all individuals who will take the readings.

Director Lopez stated that he attended the Annual Agriculture and Home Economics Seminar on January 27th. Tom Dominguez presented a very good program and an excellent lunch was served.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Gilbertson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 3-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Director Pablo Lopez

