

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

**Tuesday, April 12, 2011**

**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.

**Guests Present:** Jimmy Speed, Fred Stieg, David Foote, Thomas Garcia, Ray Bates, Margaret Horner Young, Rex Kirksey, Thomas Evans, Robert Evans, 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 9:05 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  
March 10, 2011**

Director Henson made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's March 10, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-1.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “NO”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4161.74 feet. Conchas Lake received 983 acre feet of inflow for the month of March. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4163.5 feet.

### CANADIAN RIVER BASIN as of April 1, 2011

The “La Nina” pattern has maintained a death grip on New Mexico through March, with the majority of the state seeing well below average snowfall and precipitation in general. Warm and windy conditions dominated for most of the month, intensifying the already dry conditions. Unfortunately, the meager snowpack which was in place when March began was further reduced by these factors as well and with the dry soil conditions going into the snow season, runoff levels from the melt-out are also being reduced due to infiltration into the soil profile.

April to June streamflow forecasts for the Canadian River Basin range from 17 percent of average for the Conchas Reservoir Inflow to 40 percent of average for the Vermejo River near Dawson. Inflow into Conchas Reservoir is only expected to be 5,600 acre-feet for the April to June period. March precipitation was 50 percent of average, while year-to-date high elevation precipitation in the Canadian River Basin remains fair at 84 percent, down from last year's 132 percent. Snowpack in the basin is only 15 percent of average, down significantly from last year's 160 percent at this time.

On March 24, the staff attended a DFA workshop in Tucumcari. The workshop covered annual audits and budgeted certification for government agencies.

On March 28, Donna and I drove to Conchas and met with the Big Mesa Water employees. We discussed the annual water consumption and read the water meter.

In the board packet is Arch Hurley's quarterly financial report that was mailed to DFA on April 4th.

On April 6<sup>th</sup> Donna contacted Frank Valdez from the OSA and he informed her that we should have an approved multi-year contract by April 13. This contract is for Sandra Rush to complete the Arch Hurley audit for 2010 through 2012.

The men are working on the water conservation grants. They should be finished with the first grant this week and start work on the second grant next week. The men have also moved some large rocks for the NRCS at the outdoor classroom.

On April 13<sup>th</sup> Heather Wilson will be at the Arch Hurley office at 3:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend, as we inform her about the challenges we face at the Conservancy District.

## **VISITORS**

Fred Stieg of Big Mesa appreciated the visit from Manager McCasland in which he toured the Big Mesa Water facilities. He also wanted everyone to know that Big Mesa now has a web site.

## **. WATER ALLOCATION**

Director Lopez made the motion that no water be allocated 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”

## **ISC LOAN RATE**

Director Lopez made the motion to set the rate at 4%. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

## **RESOLUTION 2011-003**

Director Henson made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-003 which pertains to 2011 election, forms, and timetable. The motion was seconded by Director Bruhn. Motion carried 4-1. The following sentence will be added to the end of Number 4 “ No individual owner shall ever be entitled to cast more than 160 votes.”

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “NO”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **WAIVE DEBT PAYMENT TO BOR**

Director Henson made the motion for Manager McCasland to write a letter Bureau of Reclamation to waive our annual debt payment for 3 years if it didn't affect Arch Hurley getting grant money. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-1. This will require Bureau of Reclamation approval.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Bruhn – “NO”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **BIG MESA WATER**

Manager McCasland informed the directors that Big Mesa was current on its payments to Arch Hurley. Director Gilbertson made the motion for Manager McCasland to locate a letter in which Arch Hurley responded to Big Mesa's request for a change of a point of diversion. The correspondence will be presented at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Bruhn. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **NEW MEXICO'S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

Rep. Dennis Roch sent the pamphlet about the New Mexico State Legislature upon request of President Perkins. It is very informative about New Mexico's history, legislative members, session days, legislative process, passage of a bill, and New Mexico's state symbols such as flag, bird, trees, etc. Hopefully in the future, Rep. Roch will attend an Arch Hurley meeting.

### **DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Director Bruhn read a statement responding to County Clerk Ellen White’s visitor’s comments of the last board meeting. That statement is attached and a part of these minutes.

Director Gilbertson seconded the statement of Tom Bruhn. I pretty much agree with what Tom said and that is why the minutes upset me a little bit. Director Gilbertson stated that he had concerns about board compensation, as a group all five voted to leave out the increase, election rules are a pretty honorable thing. Director Gilbertson stated that someone local should have the ability more so than a realtor or somebody sitting off in a far away city and the absentee voting rules was set up because then that way no one would be absent - you lived here and the change to the election voting rules were agreed to, but the board compensation when you haven’t had any water for the last 10-12 years to even entertain that idea is ludicrous to me.

President Perkins toured the benonite area - Daniel Garcia and Joe Schallert area with Manager McCasland. The area is looking excellent, you can see all the work involved from the prep work, incorporation of the benonite, and then the final product. Manager McCasland stated that if anyone wanted to see this area he would give them a tour.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Bruhn made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Gilbertson. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 11:15 a.m.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Bruhn made the motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Gilbertson. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 11:30 a.m. President Perkins stated that only threatened or pending litigation was 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 Gilbertson. 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 11:35 am with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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President Larry Perkins

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

After the regular meeting there was a 2012 Budget Workshop.

