

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

**Tuesday, June 14, 2011**

**Directors Present:** Larry Perkins; President, UV Henson; Secretary/Treasurer, Pablo Lopez, Director, John Gilbertson, Director.

**Directors/Staff** Tom Bruhn; Vice President

**Absent:**

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

**Guests Present:** Jimmy Speed, Ray Bates, Margaret Horner Young, Harry Heckendorn, Jearld White, Judy Smith of FSA, Phillip Box, and Kara Hickey, Steve Peterson and Daniel(Joe) Martinez of 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 9:00 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 President Perkins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING  
May 10, 2011**

Director Gilbertson made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's May 10, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “ABSENT”

Gilbertson – “Yes”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4159.8 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4167.0 feet. Conchas Lake received 364 acre feet of inflow for the month of May. Last year during the month of May we received 6,588 acre feet of inflow into Conchas Lake.

On May 24, John, Pablo and I drove to Conchas Lake and Big Mesa gave us a tour of their water treatment facility. We also met with Steve Peterson from the USACE at the inlet works of the dam. There are still a large amount of tumble weeds in the inlet channel of the reservoir. We also drove to the inlet of tunnel #1. There was no water standing in the tunnel at that time.

Last month, I reported to the board concerning some illegal dumping on and in the canal near Tucumcari Mountain. Charges were filed against the individual and a hearing was held, he was fined and required to clean up the area where he dumped the trash.

I spoke with Lynn Ditto from Senator Jeff Bingaman office regarding federal funding for Arch Hurley through the BOR. I was informed that there were no ear marks that were allowed through Congress last year.

On June 9, The Tucumcari City Commission held a workshop regarding the beneficial uses of Ute Lake water. One of the City Commissioners wants to pump Ute Lake water into Tucumcari Lake. I informed the City manager and Commission of the 1976 District Court ruling requiring both entities to keep the elevation of Tucumcari Lake below 4009 feet.

In the board's packet under information is a notification from the BOR that Arch Hurley has been awarded another Water Conservation Field Service Grant in the amount of \$51,000. The total of grant funding for Arch Hurley for the past two years is \$625,572.47 dollars.

The 2012 Calendar Year Budget has been mailed to DFA. We are waiting on their final approval on this budget.

Sandra Rush is currently working on Arch Hurley's 2010 audit. She has informed us that it will not be completed and submitted to the state auditor by the June 1 deadline.

Included in the board's financial hand out are two articles of information. One is labeled La Nina may be on the way out, El Nino returning. The second is a public notice from the NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau. That meeting will be on June 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Territorial Room in the Convention Center.

The maintenance department has the next mile of canal cleaned out and is completed and

ready to apply the next shipment of bentonite. They have removed two to three feet of sediment in this area of the delivery system. Whenever that mile is completed we have one and a half mile to finish cleaning out to make it to the County Line Check. We have enough funds left in the grant that we are working on now to go to the County line Check. When this is completed, the entire canal between Check 25 and County Line Check will be treated with bentonite.

### **VISITORS**

Judy Smith of FSA wanted to inform the Board and visitors of programs that FSA has to offer. The programs include the Emergency CRP Grazing, Livestock Forage Program, Sure, up-coming County Committee Election and notice to Hispanic and/or Women Farmers or Ranchers. Judy briefly explained each of the programs and invited anyone with further questions to come to the local FSA Office. Literature on these programs is posted on the Arch Hurley bulletin board.

Harry Heckendorn stated that David Peacock's house burned. Harry Heckendorn stated that a track hoe is needed to bury the remains of the house. Manager McCasland was given a directive to look into this.

### **. WATER ALLOCATION**

Director Gilbertson made the motion that no water be allocated at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “ABSENT”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **ISC RE-LOAN AND LOAN REQUEST**

Director Lopez made the motion to approve the re-loan to ISC and initiate the loan documentation for B & H Ranch. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “ABSENT”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **APPROVE 2011 CUSTOM WORK – EQUIPMENT PRICES**

Director Gilbertson made the motion to leave the equipment prices the same as 2010. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “ABSENT”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **BOR WATERSMART GRANT FOR \$51,000**

Manager McCasland stated that 3 months ago Arch Hurley applied for this grant and was told that there wasn't available funding and too many entities had applied for this grant. Just recently funding became available and Arch Hurley was awarded this \$51,000.00 grant.

### **USACE Update on work at Conchas Dam and invasive species**

The Board and visitors viewed a video about zebra and quagga mussels. A boat propeller was displayed that was left in waters invaded with the mussels for 13 months. It was completely covered with the mussels. Kara Hickey and Steve Peterson answered questions about the mussels. Joe Martinez stated that USACE is following the state directive for no burning and therefore none of the weeds in the inlet channel have been burned. Brochures about rules & regulations, information about inspecting for the mussels on boats, trailers, equipment, etc., and 100<sup>th</sup> Meridian Initiative were given to everyone present.

### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Director Lopez stated that the canals are looking good where the crews are excavating and applying the bentonite.

President Perkins encouraged everyone to go and look at the canals. President Perkins stated that he would like to commend Manager McCasland and the crews for their work and maintaining a busy schedule. President Perkins asked that the directors drive around their districts and take note if there are any issues that need to be brought to the attention of the ditchriders.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Gilbertson made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 10:20 .m.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Lopez 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 10:40 a.m. President Perkins stated that only threatened or pending litigation and limited personnel matters were discussed.

	Directors Voted:	
Perkins – “YES”		Lopez – “YES”
Bruhn – “ABSENT”	Gilbertson – “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 4-0.

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 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

