

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

Tuesday, July 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, Ray Bates, Margaret Horner Young, Jearld White, Phillip Box, Jason Box, and Tom Dominguez.

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 9:02 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 Director Bruhn.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
June 14, 2011**

Director Henson made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's June 14, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. 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 4158.8 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4166.5 feet. Conchas Lake received 703 acre feet of inflow for the month of June. Last year, during the month of June we received 6,322 acre feet of inflow into Conchas Lake.

On June 15, the USACE called and wanted us to do some custom work with the long reach excavator at Conchas. The repairs were done on the south side boat ramp by the maintenance department. The USACE have been invoiced for this work.

In the board packet is a copy of the legal notice printed in the Quay County Sun for the public notice of precinct elections for board of director's position. The notice was run on June 22 and June 29 as required. A PSA was also sent to Quay Broadcasters.

On June 29, I met with Lynn Ditto from Jeff Bingaman's office to discuss the federal screening program. I was also able to visit with David Williams from Senator Udall's office later that same day and discussed the same issue.

AHCD has submitted the loan agreements to the ISC as required for us to proceed with their re-loan program. The documents are included in the board packet.

Mark and his men are working on de-watering some siphons for the BOR to inspect. We are going to have to purchase a diaphragm pump to remove the bottom half of the water that is left in the siphon. The best price that we have found for this type of pump is around \$2,000.00.

On July 11, Joe Alderete from the BOR came and inspected the application of bentonite in the canal. He informed us that there may be some additional funds available soon. He will keep in contact with us on this and let us know if any funds do become available. Joe also looked over the daily reports that are filled out by the maintenance department and the quarterly reports that have been submitted to the BOR on all of our water conservation grants. Everything looked to be in compliance for all of the documentation and reports.

Craig and Armando have completed phase two of the first water smart grant. Whenever this grant is completed we will have covered the entire area from Check 25 to the County Line Check. The next water smart grant we will start at Check 3 and proceed downstream as far as that grant will allow. There have been many complaints of water seepage in this area of the delivery system.

The directors had some questions about the inspection of the siphons. The inspection will include looking for large rocks that break the concrete in the siphons. Director Bruhn asked about using a submersible pump instead of the diaphragm pump.

VISITORS

There were no comments from the visitors.

. WATER ALLOCATION

Director Bruhn made the motion that no water be allocated at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Gilbertson. Motion carried 5-0

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

APPROVE BOR ANNUAL DEBT PAYMENT

Director Henson made the motion to approve the annual payment to Bureau of Reclamation for \$58,255.00. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

AHCD 2012 DFA APPROVED BUDGET

A letter was received from State of NM Department of Finance approving Arch Hurley’s interim budget. The letter listed items to include with the final budget.

APPOVE RESOLUTION 2011-005

Director Bruhn made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-005 pertaining to the ISC loan for B and H Ranch, Inc. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

NMMED SURFACE WATER QUALITY COMMUNITY MEETING

Manager McCasland and Director Gilbertson attended a meeting hosted by NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau held on June 15, 2011 at the Convention Center. They received handouts and a CD at the conclusion of the meeting. Pajarito, a local stream, has been tested and considered 303 Impaired Water. It is below safe drinking standards. This testing refers back to the Clean Water Act of 1972.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Gilbertson read an article from a magazine that stated that the farmers in the El Paso area would not receive full allocation because of low snow pack. Full allocation is 3 ½ acre feet for their crops which is far less than necessary to grow crops at optimum levels for the area. It was stated that the situation is very bleak. Arch Hurley gets, on a good year, 1 ½ acre feet. Where is it written that we are suppose to get 3 foot a water? In the State Engineer's handbook it says that 3 acre foot is the normal for irrigating in the State of NM - some areas require less, some more depending on the soil. We need to go on record that we have never had the water that we needed.

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 10:02 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Gilbertson made the motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 11:12 a.m. President Perkins stated that only threatened or pending litigation and limited personnel matters were discussed.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

Director Lopez made the motion that all Arch Hurley personnel be subject to drug testing. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

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 Bruhn. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “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

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

