

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

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Directors Present: President Larry Perkins, Vice President Phillip Box,
Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson, Director J.D. McEwen,
Director Robert Evans

**Directors/Staff
Absent:**

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

Guests Present: Daniel Garcia, Jimmy Speed, Jason Box, Jearld White, Richard
Dahl, Frances Langley, Ray Bates, Thomas Evans, Judy Smith of
FSA Office, and Tom Dominguez of NMSU.

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 9:03 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 Vice President Phillip Box.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
November 8, 2011**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley
Conservancy District's November 8, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by
Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is 4160.5 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4162.1 feet. Conchas Lake received 1, 149 acre feet of inflow for the month of November.

On November 17, we received the siphon inspection for 2010 and 2011 from Jed Parker of the BOR. The reports are in the board packet.

On November 22, I spoke with Bob Carter and informed him of the Governor's appointment of the State Engineer. Bob has met Scott Verhines, and Bob will come to our next meeting in January to discuss setting up a meeting in Santa Fe with the new State Engineer.

On November 29, Jack Chatfield and I were able to visit regarding Salt Cedar eradication on the Canadian River Basin. Jack could not make this meeting, but is on the agenda for the January board meeting.

On December 7, I attended the Eastern Plains Council of Governments meeting in Clovis. They hosted a round table Q & A with all of the State Senators and Representatives and the four Federal Field Representatives that represent the entire northeastern part of New Mexico. There was discussion and information regarding capital outlay, redistricting, state budget, ESA and the farm bill.

On December 22, Allison Jenness and others from Zia Engineering & Environmental will be in Tucumcari to take samples from the shop and test for asbestos. They are to contact me with a time and I will open the shop for them.

We have removed the radial gate from the Jack County Check. Mark and his men are using parts from both County Line Check and Jack County to make one working gate. For Arch Hurley to build a new 16 foot radial gate the cost of material alone is over \$6,000. Mark estimates that he can have a working radial gate for around \$800 in materials.

Fiber optic cable has been ran and tested in the office building. Plateau will be going through the City soon offering fiber optic phone and internet services.

Manager McCasland stated that Arch Hurley will be having their annual Christmas Dinner at the Fire Station on Norton Road on December 16.

Manager McCasland gave a power point presentation of the bentonite application, work on a radial gate, maintenance throughout the project, debris dumped in the canals, gates installed at 11th Street and Camino del Coronado, erosion on a road and cottonwood stump removal.

VISITORS

Ray Bates stated that he puts nitrogen in the stumps of his pecan trees. He uses a chain saw to go in the stump about 3 or 4 inches and then applies powder nitrogen.

Judy Smith of the Quay County FSA office talked about some out reach items. These items included information on the Hispanic Men and Women issue, deadline for purchasing alfalfa and native grass on the Loan Share Assistance Program and NAP is 1/31/12. I encourage constituents to purchase it for 2012 and use it as a safety net. FSA held an election and the representative for east of the Arch Hurley District, San Jon, Nara Visa and Logan to county lines is Donald Carter.

Daniel Garcia inquired about Arch Hurley spraying some weeds for him and Tom Dominquez informed him that he has a sprayer he can borrow.

Tom Dominquez stated that the calendars he passed out were purchased by the Canadian River Soil and Water Conservation District. Tom stated that he has 2 back pack sprayers that people can check out and use. I have some Red Books at the office if you need one.

RESOLUTION 2011-008 PUBLIC MEETING NOTIFICATION

Director Henson made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-008 which pertains to Public meeting notification. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0.

	Directors Voted:	
Perkins – “YES”		Evans –“YES”
McEwen – “YES”	Box – “YES”	Henson –“YES”

APPROVE LEASE OF SECTION 16

Director Evans made the motion to award the lease to Lance Purcell with the high bid of \$4,650.00 per year/\$13,950.00 for 3 years. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0. This lease is pending BOR approval. There were 8 sealed bids and they were opened at the Arch Hurley District Office on December 12 at 4:00 pm with 7 people in attendance

	Directors Voted:	
Perkins – “YES”		Evans –“YES”
McEwen – “YES”	Box – “YES”	Henson –“YES”

REVIEW SIPHON INSPECTION REPORT FOR 2010 AND 2011

Manager McCasland reviewed the report for 2010. In May 2010, the BOR inspected siphons 29,30,31,33 and 34. They gave some recommendations to correct the concrete expansion joints and abrasions that were noted in the report. The solution for the concrete was an epoxy to be applied to those areas. The report also expressed some concern about the dead turtles in the siphons. In November 2011, siphons 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and the Hudson siphon were inspected. They had recommendations to correct the concrete imperfections and removing vegetation around the inlets and outlets. Manager McCasland stated there are 22 or 23 siphons left to inspect. All that is left to inspect within the project is siphon 29, the rest are between County Line Check and Conchas Dam.

CLEAN THE CANAL AREA AT FIRST AND CHARLES STREET

Director Box made the motion to include on the maintenance schedule of the first quarter of 2012 the area of First and Charles Streets. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0. The area will have the chain link fence removed, some type of temporary barriers in place during the maintenance and fence of some type, not yet determined, will be installed in same location. Suggestions were made to have Doug Quarles paint a mural on the fence depicting a scene of Arch Hurley. Manager McCasland will inquire about the mural.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

REVIEW WCFSP AND WATER SMART GRANTS OF BOR

The WCFSP application is due/2/7/2012. This grant is only available for the upper Colorado region in which Arch Hurley is located. This grant is a 50% cost share grant, except if you do a demonstration and planning type grant. The grant will pay 100% if you up-grade your water conservation plan and Arch Hurley’s plan is 12 years old. Joe Alderete stated if Arch Hurley applied for the water management planning activity we could get up to \$25,000 and there’s no match for that. Arch Hurley would go out for an RFP and hire a firm to up-grade our water management and drought plan.

The Water Smart Grant application is due 1/19/2012. The maximum on this grant is \$300,000. This grant has been authorized, but no funding for it yet. Congress has until 12/16/11 to pass it. There are only 15 Water Smart grants to be awarded, so there will be a lot of competition for this grant.

APPROVE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY BONUS

Director Evans made the motion to approve a \$500.00 net bonus for the Arch Hurley employees. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Director Box wanted to know if there was an up-date from the State Engineer’s Office on tracking water rights. Manager McCasland stated that District 7 is under staffed and their priority is permits for domestic wells. Manager McCasland will see if Tim and/or Greg will be able to attend the next board meeting. Manager McCasland would like to set up a meeting with the new State Engineer Scott Verhines. At this meeting, we would like to present to Mr. Verhines Arch Hurley’s history/documentation/facts and emphasize to him the drought that Arch Hurley has been in for the last 10 years.

President Perkins wanted to say that Franklin and his crew have accomplished more work in the last 3 or 4 years than I have even seen. The canals are looking great and the men’s morale is up. There will be 100% attendance at the Christmas Party. We have had a great year for not having any water. I would like to commend you on all these accomplishments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Box made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 10:50 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Henson made the motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 12: 15 p.m. President Perkins stated that only threatened or pending litigation and limited personnel matters were discussed.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

Director Box made the motion to give Manager McCasland a \$2000 annual increase and to pay his utilities. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

