

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

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

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, Maintenance Supervisor Craig Hoffman

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, Jason Box, Richard Dahl, Frances Langley, Paula
and Jearld White, Ray Bates, Julian Paiz, John Gilbertson, Thomas
Evans 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 9:02 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 Vice President Phillip Box.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
January 10, 2012**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's January 10, 2012 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 at 4160.1 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4162.1 feet. Conchas Lake received 183 acre feet of inflow for the month of January.

CANADIAN RIVER BASIN as of February 1, 2012

Stream flow forecasts for the Canadian River Basin range from 77 percent of average for the Cimarron River below Eagle Nest Dam to 60 percent of normal for the Vermejo River near Dawson. Conchas Reservoir Inflow is expected to be 65 percent of the median value. Year-to-date high elevation precipitation in the Canadian River Basin is slightly above average at 111 percent, up from last year's 84 percent. January precipitation was only 68 percent of average, though. Snow pack in the basin is 96 percent of average, well above last year's 54 percent.

On January 25, Bob Carter and I met with Scott Verhines the State Engineer in Santa Fe. We thanked Mr. Verhines for the additional staff in the Cimarron District VII office. We asked about funding for some measuring devices on the large diversions from the Canadian River and its tributaries and most importantly in the Mora area. Mr. Verhines said that their budget requests for 2012/2013 year had been submitted prior to his arrival to the position. At this time he was unaware of what the budget request were for that type of equipment. We discussed the drought and how over the past 11 years how it has financially impacted our County, Arch Hurley and the landowners in the Conservancy District. Scott Verhines said that sometime after the Legislative Session that he and some staff would like to come to Tucumcari and possibly attend one of our Board of Directors meetings.

Bob also took me over to the New Mexico Municipal League and introduced me to Ed Zendel. Ed is the Risk Services Director. I gave Mr. Zendel Arch Hurley's Workers Comp. loss history and payroll by departments. Ed said he insures other Irrigation and Conservancy Districts in New Mexico and will work on a quote for us.

On January 26, Craig and I attended the Pesticide CEU workshop that was held by NMSU and Tom Dominguez. Arch Hurley is in compliant and current with our public applicator license that is required be the State of N.M.

On February 8, I attended Quay Day in Santa Fe, This is a reception where local public entities can meet with State officials and visit about issues of concern and receive a Legislative update.

We have received all of the bentonite for the current water conservation grant that we are working on now. The men have about 800 feet left to apply and cover. Craig's estimate is to have the grant completed be the end of next week. While we have the equipment in that area, we are going to clean out the Bascom Cut in the main canal. Mark and his men are working on the 2010 and 2011 siphon inspection report from the BOR. They are

filling the cracks in the cement with a hydraulic product that is used to stop leaks in swimming pools. The men are also replacing some turnout gates in the project.

Manager McCasland stated that Roberta Ball will be at the next board meeting to give a report. Manager McCasland stated that the clean-up on First and Charles is still on the list to complete. The weeds at the outlet at Conchas and the weeds throughout the canal were discussed.

VISITORS

John Gilbertson asked about the progress of the water issues. It was explained that there have been personnel changes at the State Engineer’s Office and the City elections will be March 6. District VII attended the last board meeting and even though they have one new employee they are still short-handed. Their priority is handling domestic well permits and only work on water right issues when time permits. Also, Bob Carter continues to be in contact with the State Engineer’s Office.

2012 WORKERS COMP. INSURANCE

Manager McCasland wanted to inform the Board that he is looking into getting a quote from the Municipal League. The League only required a three year history. If Arch Hurley is able to acquire insurance thru the League, premiums paid would be refunded from the current policy carrier.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2012-001

Director Henson made the motion to approve Resolution 2012-001, which is a transfer of funds from Professional Services/Staff Development and Full Cost Water to Workman’s Comp. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

Box – “YES”

APPROVE 2010 AUDIT

Director Evans made the motion to accept the 2010 audit. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

Box – “YES”

REVIEW AND APPROVE ISC RE-LOAN INTEREST RATES FOR 2012

Director McEwen made the motion to keep the interest rate at 4%. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

AHCD CUSTOM WORK EQUIPMENT PRICES

Director Henson made the motion that if a custom job is 4 hours or less then the equipment will be billed from the time it is loaded in the district yard until it is unloaded at the yard. The rate will be the rate of the equipment used. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

APPROVE PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES OF NUMBERS 303, 325, 501 AND 505

Director Box made the motion to approve the changes to the Personnel Policy. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0. President Perkins would like to be up-dated monthly on progress concerning the safety incentive plan.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

NM WORKFORCE LIEN AND CORRESPONDENCE

Manager McCasland and Office Manager Donna Lafferty explained the situation with the lien that was placed on Arch Hurley. The NM Department of Labor placed the lien because they stated that 3 quarterly reports were filed late. After phone calls to Workforce Solutions, Unemployment Services, LLC and Risk Management, the District Supervisor of Workforce Solutions, Gary Garcia, has all our paperwork and will review it and let us know his decision the week of Feb. 20th.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Director Box read the Arch Hurley board minutes of March 14, 1972. It was very informative of the issues that the board faced 40 years ago. Director Box would like to educate the City on how much of an economic impact no water allocated has had on the City thru lost sales and lower GRT collected. It would be beneficial to all parties concerned to develop a relationship and work together.

President Perkins stated that we need to get politically active. We should speak with city, county and state officials and stress to them how much of an economic impact it has on our community when no water is available for farmers. It needs to be a group effort to apply pressure to find out where the water is going and why water isn’t being measured. President Perkins would like for Manager McCasland to contact Rex Kirksey of the Agricultural Science Center to see if he compiled an income loss report for our area.

Director Henson asked if Arch Hurley had applied for any BOR grants recently. Manager McCasland stated that at the present time he felt that with the on-going grants and if there was a water run that Craig and his crew would be pressed for time to complete the current grant on schedule. Manager McCasland wanted the board to know that on a part-time basis Misty Vick will be helping with the grants. She would be completing the monthly and quarterly reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Box made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 10:35 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

Box – “YES”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Henson made the motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 11:15 p.m. President Perkins stated that only threatened or pending litigation and limited personnel matters were discussed.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

Box – “YES”

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Box. 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 11:15 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

