

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

Tuesday, June 12, 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 and Office Manager Donna Lafferty

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, Ray Bates, Tom Dominguez, Jearld White, Misty Gulley, George Evetts, John Gilbertson, Margaret Horner Young

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 Vice President Phillip Box.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARL SCHEDULED MEETING
MAY 8, 2012**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's May 8, 2012 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. 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 4158.6 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4160.2 feet. Conchas Lake received 2099 acre feet of inflow for the month of May.

On May 14, Arch Hurley mailed New Mexico Department of Finance Administration the proposed 2013 calendar year budget for their approval.

On May 22, Randy Crowder, a Commissioner for the ISC, arrived to tour the AHCD and Conchas Lake. We gave Mr. Crowder a tour of the district and met with Joe Martinez from the USACE in Conchas. Joe and his staff gave us a tour of the Conchas area.

On May 31, we held an audit exit conference to discuss and review the 2011 audit. Attending were Phillip Box, U.V. Henson, Donna Lafferty, Tina Garcia, Franklin McCasland and auditor Sandra Rush, CPA. The audit has been submitted to the OSA for approval. There were no findings from Sandra Rush in the 2011 audit.

On June 1, Arch Hurley sent our annual payment to the New Mexico Interstate Streams Commission. The balance on this loan is \$20,270.57.

I have been in contact with Clara Ray who has contacted Stella Quintana regarding the clean up around First St. and Charles. We have had two meetings set, one on June 1 and the second meeting on June 7 to visit with the family regarding this area. Mrs. Quintana did not attend either of the meetings. Arch Hurley needs to perform some maintenance work in this area. Clara Ray has explained to Mrs. Quintana Arch Hurley's scope of work for this area. The family has removed the bulk of the items from our property and the men have cleaned up the remaining items.

On June 6, I met with David Gonzalez from the NMDOT at mile post 319.2 on Hwy 54. The State has widened Hwy 54 and is extending all of the culverts. The area we met is where the Mater crosses under Hwy 54. The State has asked for Arch Hurley to extend our outlet approximately 12 feet. The State will provide the materials if Arch Hurley's crews will install the culvert.

We have received the first quarter of bentonite for the water conservation grant. Craig and the staff will start applying the bentonite below check 3 on the Hudson Canal and proceed downstream.

In the boards packet is a BOR FOA opportunity synopsis. This is a grant offered by the BOR Water Smart; it is an applied science grant for the Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative. We have reviewed the FOA and decided not to apply as the scope of work would not benefit the district at this time.

President Perkins asked about the mural on First Street and Charles Streets. Mr. Quarles is interested in doing the mural, however he didn't receive a grant and the mural was contingent on the grant.

VISITORS

George Evetts asked to make a comment on agenda item #9.

WATER ALLOCATION, REVIEW OF CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION

Director Box made the motion to not allocate water at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

NMSBA LEVERAGE PROJECT PRE-PROPOSAL FY 2011

Director McEwen made the motion to continue with this project and begin the work on the full proposal. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0. If and when the pre-proposal has been accepted, then work will proceed to complete the full proposal. Director Box stated that it looks favorably for Arch Hurley's pre-proposal to be accepted.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

HYDROLOGY RESEARCH RELATED TO AHCD

In the board packet is a hydrology report from David Brauer. David Brauer is a scientist with Agricultural Research Service US Department of Agriculture located in Bushland, TX. Director Box stated that it would have been easier to understand if the measurements had been in acre feet. The Board would like to invite Mr. Brauer to an Arch Hurley board meeting to present the research. The Board would like to also invite Interstate Stream Commission and State Engineer's Office to that meeting. The report showed the benefits when Arch Hurley is able to allocate water.

BOR SAFETY AND ADA BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Director Henson made the motion that Arch Hurley’s first priority is to fix the roof and exterior walls. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Director Box asked to amend the motion to include the involvement of the Board on the other items on the list as to their priority. The motion and amendment carried 5-0. George Evetts expressed that common sense should be used in the expenditure of this grant money. Safety is a key issue and keep in mind that the building is on the historic list.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

EMPLOYEE SAFETY MEETING UPDATE

Manager McCasland stated that every ditchrider now has a snake bite kit in their vehicle. Builders Trust required this kit to be in the vehicles. The random drug test paperwork is handled differently now. The testing goes thru Quest Diagnostics and Arch Hurley is required to have the paperwork, labels and packaging supplied to the hospital and then the hospital will mail the paperwork with the sample.

OSA “AT RISK” ENTITY DESIGNATION

Arch Hurley received a letter from the Office of the State Auditor on May 25 stating that Arch Hurley was an “at risk” entity because our audit had not been submitted on time. After a phone call to Antonio Corrales, Director of Operations and Compliance, bringing it to his attention that Arch Hurley’s audit wasn’t even due until June 1 and that Arch Hurley’s audit is on a calendar year basis. Mr. Corrales checked the contract and confirmed the dates on our contract and informed us that Arch Hurley would be taken off the list.

SKIP VERNON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Director Henson made the motion to accept the Settlement Agreement between Arch Hurley Conservancy District and Larry S. and Lee Ann Vernon. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Manager McCasland was asked to inform the Board when it was dismissed.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Director Box stated that cleaning up First Street is a positive action for Arch Hurley and a positive for the City also. Director Box asked if Arch Hurley could help Dr. Corey with removing the debris/trash at her burned veterinary clinic. Manager McCasland will offer this assistance to Dr. Corey.

President Perkins stated that the spray being used on mesquites is very effective.

Director Henson stated that Arch Hurley’s attorneys, Chuck DuMars and Catherine Robinson, did an excellent job in getting the settlement with Larry Vernon. The mediator, Judge Jay Harris, did an excellent job as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Henson 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 10:27 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans –“YES”
Henson –“YES”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Box 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 10:40 a.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”

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 10:45 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

