

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

**Tuesday, July 10, 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 and Maintenance Supervisor Craig Hoffman

**Guests Present:** Jimmy Speed, Ray Bates, Jearld White, George Evetts, Judy Smith  
of FSA, Don Lopez, Robert Curtis, Steve Peterson and 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 9:02 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 President Larry Perkins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2012**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley  
Conservancy District's June 12, 2012 regular 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 4158.18 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4160.2 feet. Conchas Lake received 2,131 acre feet of inflow for the month of June and had a loss of 2,584 acre feet from evaporation.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, we discovered that over the weekend someone had entered the equipment yard and set one of our tractors on fire. This incident was reported to the Fire Marshall and the New Mexico State Police arson investigators. The arson team did rule that it was set with a flammable liquid. The cost to repair the tractor will be around \$3,000.00 excluding our labor costs.

On June 19, 20 and 21, the BOR was here to audit all of our landholders RRA files. There were 89 RRA files audited and 17 that require action. We have 60 days to correct the findings to avoid any possible fees and/or restrictions.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, I spoke with Randy Crowder a Commissioner on the ISC Board. Randy would like to bring the ISC staff and State Engineer out to tour the AHCD as well as Conchas Dam. They are looking at the end of August or the first part of September for the tour. Randy asked if I could locate a large van or small bus that could transport the entire group.

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, the men finished the first quarter of the BOR Water Conservation Bentonite Grant. That same day we received our reimbursement from the BOR for the bentonite in the amount of \$53,510.34. We will order more bentonite as soon as the maintenance department is close to finishing the dirt work on the second quarter.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held a staff safety meeting. We have completed the second quarter with no preventable accidents. After the safety meeting was over all of the employees received their quarterly safety incentive bonus check.

President Perkins asked if the employees were utilizing all the safety equipment available to them. Manager McCasland stated that the correct equipment is worn for the job and the monthly safety meetings brings the safety awareness to a personal accountability.

## VISITORS

Judy Smith of the FSA office wanted to inform everyone of the up-coming county committee election. A new member is needed in the Caprock area. The deadline to file nominations is August 1. The deadline for reporting crops is July 16, 2012. The 2011 SURE program has not been announced yet and the Farm Bill hasn't been determined yet.

Robert Curtis stated that he has ditches that have filled with sand and he can't control it. Manager McCasland stated that no action was taken in reference to the billing of the landowner for cleaning out ditches.

President Larry Perkins wanted to remind everyone of the up-coming seminar on Cow/calf operations. The seminar will be held July 19, July 26 and August 2. Please contact Tom Dominquez if you have any questions.

### **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 Box gave a power point presentation on the NMSBA Leverage Project. Director Box and Loren Toole of Los Alamos National Laboratory will meet next week and critique the presentation. When the presentation is given in Santa Fe on August 16, 2012 Phillip will have ten minutes for the presentation and ten minutes to answer any questions the advisory committee might have. A conference call was made to Mr. Toole. Mr. Toole gave insight to the Board about information that he needed about the impact the drought has caused on a personal level to the Board members who are also the five business people used in the project.

### **APPROVE ARCH HURLEY 2011 AUDIT**

Director Box made the motion to approve the 2011 audit. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **USACE MAINTENANCE ON CONCHAS INLET CHANNEL**

The concern that Arch Hurley has with USACE is with the plugged screens at the inlet channel. The screens are plugged with tumbleweeds. Steve Petersen stated their budget is extremely tight this year. One possibility for the future would be to build a perimeter fence around the inlet. Mr. Petersen will attend a meeting tomorrow in Albuquerque and address Arch Hurley's concerns. The issue that Arch Hurley has regarding the channel is that this issue has been brought to the attention of USACE in the recent years and the problem hasn't been corrected. In 2010, Arch Hurley employees removed the weeds from the screen on a daily basis. If Conchas Lake was to receive enough water for an irrigation season this year, it would be a major problem for the water to get through the screens.

### **ARCH HURLEY WATER TRANSFER POLICY**

Director Evans made the motion to accept the policy. The only change that was requested was to not make the policy for a specific year. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **YEGUA MESA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT**

Manager McCasland informed the Board of the advice given by Arch Hurley's attorney, Chuck DuMars. No action will be taken on this agenda item.

### **SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTENANCE YARD**

In view of the equipment damage in the past and more recently the fire damage to a tractor, Manager McCasland was directed to inquire about different systems for the maintenance yard. The Board would like for Manager McCasland to check with our insurance carrier about possible savings.

**WARREN ACT BETWEEN SKIP VERNON AND BOR**

Director Henson made the motion to inform BOR of Arch Hurley’s change of position on the Warren Act regarding Larry and Lee Ann Vernon. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0. The Warren Act is to be based on the settlement agreement dated May 17, 2012.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

**DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS**

President Perkins commented that it appears that the safety incentive program is working.

**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 11:25 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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Vice President Phillip Box

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson



