

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

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

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

Directors/Staff

Absent: President Larry Perkins and Director Robert Evans

Staff Present: District Manager Franklin McCasland, Office Manager Donna Lafferty and Maintenance Supervisor Craig Hoffman

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, Ray Bates, Judy Smith of FSA, Tom Dominguez, Tomas Garcia of Quay County Sun, 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, Vice President Box 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 Vice President Phillip Box and the Invocation was given by Vice President Phillip Box.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
JULY 10, 2012**

Director Henson made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's July 10, 2012 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “ABSENT”
Henson – “YES”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4157.15 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4158.3 feet. Conchas Lake received 492 acre feet of inflow for the month of July and had a loss of 2,471 acre feet from evaporation.

On July 17 was the day scheduled for the BOR to meet with contractors at the AHCD main office to review bid details of the "Schedule A" summary of work. This contract was for roof replacement and repairs to structural walls on the main office building. No one from the BOR arrived on that day and we have not received any calls back from the BOR as to what the status is on these repairs.

On July 26, the men finished the extension for the Mater Lateral crossing on Highway 54. They have also completed some cement repairs on laterals and gate/weir blade replacements throughout the district.

On August 7, Craig attended a water conference in Santa Fe. The main topics of interest were Small Scale Hydroelectric Generation and Renewable Energy Technology for Water Pumping.

The first week of August we started applying bentonite on the second phase of the BOR Water Conservation Grant. We have contacted Joe Alderete from the BOR Albuquerque office to come and inspect this phase.

I have not completed the research on security cameras for the maintenance yard at this time. I have spoken to our insurance carrier regarding a discount on our insurance coverage. We should not expect much of an insurance savings for this investment. The savings will be a deterrent from vandalism and theft and protection of our equipment and property.

In the boards packet under information you will AHCD Second Quarterly Financial Report to New Mexico Department of Finance/Administration. There are several letters to Crop Insurance Companies regarding water levels at Conchas Lake and allocation of water reviewed monthly by the Board of Directors.

VISITORS

Joe Martinez stated that the surveillance system the Corp of Engineers uses operates 24/7. It has a motion activated light and the DVD recordings can be retrieved up to 30 days. He will send the information about this system to Manager McCasland.

WATER ALLOCATION, REVIEW OF CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION

Director Henson made the motion to not allocate water at this time. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “ABSENT”

Henson – “YES”

NMSBA LEVERAGE PROJECT PRE-PROPOSAL FY 2011

Director Box stated that the presentation will be given in Santa Fe on August 16. The presentation will be given by Loren Toole and himself. Both the presentation and question period will be ten minutes a piece. If any directors would like to attend, please inform Manager McCasland so that appropriate notifications can be made.

USACE MAINTENANCE ON CONCHAS INLET CHANNEL

Steve Peterson reported that an alternative to controlling the tumble weeds is a tall fence. Burning isn't an option because of the fire ban. The budget is tight; however some money might become available next month for using a crane to remove the tumble weeds. Dewatering the channel is still scheduled for September 2012. Manager McCasland asked that he be notified of the dewatering so that pictures can be taken of the process. It was discussed at a previous meeting about building a road alongside the channel. The USACE District Office wasn't keen on that idea because of environmental issues.

JUDY SMITH, UPDATE ON FSA PROGRAMS

Judy Smith informed everyone that Quay County is under disaster designation which allows farmers to apply for low interest emergency loan at a rate of 2.25%. The central loan office is located in Clovis and that is where you can get information. Emergency haying of summer wheat goes thru 8/31/12 and emergency grazing goes thru 9/30/12. Mrs. Smith also mentioned one month grace period on crop insurance premiums, Washington is encouraging make use of federal crop insurance and NAP program. She stated that Arch Hurley was mentioned in a conference call about the drought with the new State Executive Director Lawrence Rael. There isn't a Farm Bill yet and the current Farm Bill might be extended for one year.

SIPHON EXTENSION ON MATER LATERAL

Manager McCasland displayed some pictures. The pictures included bentonite application on Hudson Canal between Check 2 and 3, patch repair on cement ditches, new weir blades, and new gates and gauges. Elm and cotton trees being sprayed and custom work with trencher. Pictures showed the extension on Mater lateral with a 36” culvert extending it 20’. The State of NM provided the culvert and Arch Hurley provided the materials and labor.

CRAIG HOFFMAN, REPORT ON WATER CONFERENCE

Craig Hoffman attended a Water conference hosted by NM State University and Western SARE in Santa Fe on August 7. There were a lot of topics and the most interesting one was the Hydro Electric by Zach Libbin of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District.

BOR SIPHON DEWATERING REQUEST

An e-mail from Anthony Vigil stated that the Bureau of Reclamation wanted to inspect the inlet and outlet of the siphons. Due to safety and health concerns, only 25 to 50 feet would be inspected on both ends. Previous inspections have shown that the concrete is holding up well considering the age.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Director Henson stated that he was taken off the NMSBA Leverage Project and replaced by CJ Wiegel.

Vice President Box stated that he has received a number of complements on First and Charles Street. He also wanted to recognize UV Henson on his awards that he received at the Senior Olympics.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director McEwen made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 10:00 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”

Evans – “ABSENT”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director McEwen 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 10:23 a.m. Director McEwen made the motion to write a letter to the insurance company and cc the attorney to not settle on the case pending with Kandace Zacharias. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”

Evans – “ABSENT”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”

Evans – “ABSENT”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Vice President Phillip Box

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

