

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

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

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

**Directors/Staff
Absent:**

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

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, George Evetts, Jearld White, Daniel Garcia, Tom Dominguez, Steve Peterson, Daniel (Joe) Martinez and Jason Latham 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 9:05 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
JANUARY 8, 2013**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's January 8, 2013 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 4,155.5 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,160.2 feet. Conchas Lake received 215 acre feet of inflow for the month of January and had a loss of 476 acre feet from evaporation and other losses.

CANADIAN RIVER BASIN as of January 1, 2013

Streamflow forecasts for the Canadian River Basin range from 49 percent of normal for the Mora River to 64 percent of normal for the Cimarron River. October started out the water year very dry, with only 23 percent of normal precipitation received. November remained dry, recording 44 percent of normal.

December picked up somewhat and 136 percent of normal was received in the Basin. Year-to-date high elevation precipitation in the Canadian River Basin is currently 68 percent of normal. The basin has been well below average since this water year started on October 1. Snowpack in the basin is well below normal for this time of year at 61 percent of normal.

In the Board of Directors packet is a flyer from the Office of the State Engineer. They will have a representative available for assistance on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Quay County Courthouse from 10:00AM – 12:00PM & 1:00PM to 2:30PM in the County Commission meeting room.

On January 15, I met with Chuck Dumars and Catherine Robinson from Law & Resource Planning Associates. I informed them about the previous meetings the AHCD Board members has had with the Bureau of Reclamation and the discussions and plans for the proposed Supplemental Contract and Title Transfer. Mr. Dumars was very familiar with the BOR checklist that they had supplied to us.

On January 16, Mark and I met with Louis Box from NRCS at the outdoor classroom to look at the area where AHCD would apply the bentonite in the small pond. The pond had water standing in it from the past snow run off. We will have to wait until the pond is dry to apply the bentonite. While we were looking at the area around the outdoor classroom we found the emergency release gate locked closed. Mark and I believe it's in the best interest of AHCD to leave the release gate open.

On January 23, Mike Hamman from the BOR called and said that they were discussing the cleaning of the inlet channel with Carl Martin from the USACE. They are working on setting up a meeting with all interested parties in the near future.

On January 28, the men were working on the roads and washout on the main canal on T-4 when the transmission on the John Deere 544C front end loader came apart. The estimate for repair is in excess of \$15,000.00. It's my recommendation that we do not fix the transmission as the repairs will out weight the ACV of the loader.

The men are working on cement repair on laterals throughout the district and the roads on the main canal on T-4 and we are still doing a little custom work at Conchas Lake.

Manager McCasland gave a slide presentation. He showed the additions to the Arch Hurley web site. The additions are the accu-weather radar and forecasts and Conchas Lake elevation for 1943 – 2012. The elevations can be viewed on a daily basis or averaged for a certain period of time. This is agenda item 10 AHCD web page additions.

Manager McCasland presented a power point presentation of the outdoor classroom and recent work of the maintenance crew were viewed also. They include cement work on ditches, siphon repair, work on roads putting them back to original design in which the road slopes away from the ditch and repairing erosion.

STEVE PETERSON & JOE MARTINEZ UPDATE ON CONSHAS DAM WORK & CLEANING OF INLET CHANNEL

Jason Latham gave a power point presentation. It contained pictures of Conchas Dam and the inlet channel when it was just completed. He also informed everyone of the procedures that are involved to get the inlet channel put back to original design. There will be a meeting on February 13 in Albuquerque at the USACE District Office. Steve Peterson, Joe Martinez and Jason Latham will attend this meeting, start all the necessary permits and request that the channel be cleaned out as soon as possible. Steve stated that if anyone had questions to contact him. Manager McCasland plans to attend this meeting.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM ACTION & UPDATE

Director Box made the motion to leave the gate locked open and to clean this area on a regular basis. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

APPROVE INFORMATIONAL LETTER TO CONSTITUENTS

Director Box made the motion to accept the letter as written and approve the mailing to the constituents. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0. The letter will also be available in the Arch Hurley Office and on the web site.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

FUTURE GRANTS AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR AHCD

There was a discussion on the sediment build-up in the inlet channel and the removal of this sediment will need to be completed before Arch Hurley can have access to the water that can be pumped. Director Box made the motion to obtain a feasibility study on pumps, research the most economical way to power the pumps at the inlet channel and to seek grants to install pipelines in the district. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Director Box would like for Arch Hurley to consider a policy whenever property is subdivided to come up with an efficient way to get irrigation water to each land owner. Arch Hurley could contact other districts to see how they handled this. Manager McCasland will report back to the Board on this issue.

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”

Evans – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

