

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

**Tuesday, March 12, 2013**

**Directors Present:** President Larry Perkins, Vice President Phillip Box,  
Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson and Director Robert Evans

**Directors/Staff  
Absent:** Director J.D. McEwen

**Staff Present:** District Manager Franklin McCasland and Office Manager Donna  
Lafferty

**Guests Present:** Jimmy Speed, George Evetts, Jearld White, Johnny Irving, Tom  
Dominguez, Steve Peterson and Daniel (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 9:00 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 – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley  
Conservancy District's February 12, 2013 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by  
Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4,155.2 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,159.8 feet. Conchas Lake received 486 acre feet of inflow for the month of February and had a loss of 666 acre feet from evaporation and other losses.

#### CANADIAN RIVER BASIN as of March 1, 2013

Streamflow forecasts for the Canadian River Basin range from 53 percent of normal for the Mora River to 63 percent of normal for the Cimarron River below Eagle Nest Dam and the Cimarron River near Cimarron. Conchas Reservoir Inflow is forecast to be 17,500 acre feet, or 58 percent of normal. High elevation precipitation in the Canadian River Basin for February was 107 percent of normal, while the year-to-date precipitation remains somewhat below normal at 78 percent. Snowpack in the basin is also below normal with 76 percent of median. Total reservoir storage in the basin is 30,400 acre-feet or 12 percent of normal, down from last year's 53,300 acre-feet at this time. Conchas Reservoir storage is currently only 900 acre feet, less than 1 percent of the normal storage level.

Due to reductions in budget allocations and the potential for additional cuts, some manual Snow Courses may be discontinued. Snow Course reductions will be prioritized based on proximity to an automated SNOTEL site, use of Snow Course data in runoff forecast models, availability of other data sources in the basin, and other factors.

#### CANADIAN RIVER BASIN Streamflow Forecasts - March 1, 2013

Forecast Pt Forecast Yr Avg Period	<=== Drier === Future Conditions === Wetter ===>					
	Chance of Exceeding *					
(1000AF)	90%	70%	50%	30%	10%	30
(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
Vermejo R nr Dawson MAR-JUN 11.1	2.8	4.9	6.8	61	9.2	13.6
Cimarron R bl Eagle Nest Dam (2) MAR-JUN 11.2	3.0	5.1	7.0	63	9.3	13.4
Cimarron R nr Cimarron (2) MAR-JUN 15.8	0.5	3.8	9.9	63	16.0	25

**Ponil Ck nr Cimarron**  
**MAR-JUN 1.80 3.20 4.40 61 5.90 8.80**  
**7.20**

**Rayado Ck nr Cimarron**  
**MAR-JUN 1.58 3.00 4.30 61 6.00 9.10**  
**7.00**

**Mora R nr Golondrin**  
**(2)**  
**MAR-JUN 1.3 2.7 6.8 53 13.7 24**  
**12.8**

**Conchas Reservoir Inflow**  
**(3)**  
**MAR-JUN 2.4 9.1 17.5 58 30 58**  
**30**

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\* 90%, 70%, 50%, 30%, and 10% chances of exceeding are the probabilities that the actual volume will exceed the volumes in the table.

The average is computed for the 1981-2010 base period.

- (1) - The values listed under the 10% and 90% Chance of Exceeding are actually 5% and 95% exceedance levels.
- (2) - The value is natural volume - actual volume may be affected by upstream water management.
- (3) - Median value used in place of average.

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**CANADIAN RIVER BASIN**  
**Reservoir Storage (1000AF) End of**

**February**

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***** Reservoir Year	Last Year	Average	Usable Capacity	***** This	Usable Storage
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CONCHAS 202.0			254.2	0.9	14.5
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EAGLE NEST 54.1			79.0	29.5	38.8
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**CANADIAN RIVER BASIN**  
**Watershed Snowpack Analysis - March 1, 2013**

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<b>Percent of Watershed Median</b>	<b>Number of Data Sites</b>	<b>This Year as Last Year</b>
<b>CANADIAN RIVER BASIN</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>76</b>		

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On February 13, I attended the meeting in Albuquerque at the USACE office. The meeting was to discuss the cleaning of the inlet channel at Conchas Lake. The staff was receptive to allow AHCD to remove the sediment in the inlet channel. The only hold up is the funding for the environmental work that has to be completed before the work could start. Steve Peterson will look in their budget to see if they had any funding that could be used for the environmental study.

On February 19, we mailed out the informational letter to all Arch Hurley property owners. This letter is also posted on our web site. We have received many positive comments and some letters thanking the board for this information.

I have meet with our State elected officials during this legislative session regarding AHCD Capital Outlay requests. The amount of funding that was expected has been significantly cut and the way these funds were divided also changed this year. The legislative session ends this year on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The men are working on cement repair on laterals throughout the district. The road repairs on the main canal on T-4 to Conchas Lake are completed.

Manager McCasland gave a power point presentation about the NRCS web site. It is the stream forecast for March 1, 2013. The 30 year average in 2013 is 30,000 acre feet of inflow to Conchas Lake. Their prediction is 58% of normal flow which equate to 17,500 acre feet. I am predicting less. In 1995, 70,000 acre feet was the 30 year average and that year they predicted 87,000 acre feet of inflow. The NRCS has 9 automated measuring devices. The recent years of drought have certainly affected the 30 year average.

## **VISITORS**

Tom Dominguez wanted to remind everyone about the Quay County Hay Growers Roundtable Discussion. It will be held March 21, 2013, at 4:00 P.M. at the Tucumcari Convention Center.

### **STEVE PETERSON & JOE MARTINEZ UPDATE ON CONCHAS DAM WORK & CLEANING OF INLET CHANNEL**

Joe Martinez informed everyone of the progress of the work being done at Conchas Lake. He stated that 4 of the 12 gates have been finished. There have been a few problems with the trash racks, guides and slides.

Steve Peterson stated it takes a combined communication effort with guys on the top of the dam, the crane operator, safety officer on the water, guys in the dam to operate the gates to flush the gates and then set the bulkhead. It is a huge operation. The work is going well. The work has to stop if the wind speeds are too high. Mr. Peterson will provide pictures at the next meeting. The USGS came yesterday and fixed the DCP so that the elevation numbers will be correct.

Manager McCasland asked about progress on the inlet channel cleaning. The conditions at the inlet channel are at the best opportunity to clean in out because of the elevation of the water. There is 4-6 feet of silt and rocks (10,000 cubic feet) in the channel to be removed and if pumps were available, that is water in the channel that could be pumped to get water to the farmers. The environmental study has to be done before work can start. This project to remove the silt and rocks is estimated to cost \$40 to \$60 thousand which is Arch Hurley providing men and equipment.

### **WATER ALLOCATION – CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION**

Director Box made the motion to not allocate any water due to the low lake elevation. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **APPROVE SANDRA RUSH FOR 2012 AUDIT**

Director Henson made the motion to hire Sandra Rush to perform Arch Hurley’s 2012 audit. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **APPROVE ANNUAL SURETY BOND**

Director Evans made the motion to approve the renewal of the annual surety bond. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **OVERVIEW OF 2013 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS**

Manager McCasland stated that there were \$222 million was available this session. Of that amount, \$122 million was committed to State Infrastructure Projects which left \$50 million to be divided between 42 senators and \$50 million to be divided between 70 representatives. Arch Hurley requested \$350 thousand and hopefully will get a portion of what was requested. Manager McCasland was informed at the end of the meeting that Arch Hurley received \$190 thousand.

### **APPROVE LIQUIDATION OF OBSOLETE & EXCESS EQUIPMENT**

Director Box made the motion to begin the process to liquid obsolete and excess equipment. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 4-0. Manager McCasland will keep the Board informed of the progress.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

## **APPROVE MEMBERSHIP IN EASTERN PLAINS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT**

Director Box made the motion to join the Council for year beginning July 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

## **DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS**

Director Henson asked how the supplemental contract with the BOR was progressing. Manager McCasland stated that Randy Rust of BOR was working on it.

Director Box stated that Arch Hurley should continue to work on the items for title transfer.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Box made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 4-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 10:23 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

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 Evans. Motion carried 4-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 11:15 a.m. President Perkins stated that only threatened or pending litigation and limited personnel matters was discussed.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

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 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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President Larry Perkins

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson



