

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

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

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

**Directors/Staff
Absent:** Office Manager Donna Lafferty

Staff Present: District Manager Franklin McCasland and Maintenance Supervisor
Craig Hoffman

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, Jearld White, George Evetts, Daniel Garcia, Sissy
Young, Pablo Lopez, Judy Smith of FSA and Steve Hanson of
Quay County Sun.

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
JUNE 11, 2013**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley
Conservancy District's June 11, 2013 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 4,157.4 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,158.4 feet. Conchas Lake received 5,959 acre feet of inflow for the month of June and had a loss of 2,159 acre feet from evaporation and other losses. The Conchas Lake elevation has risen 4 feet over the past two weeks. Conchas Lake needs another 10 feet of elevation inflow which is around 35,000 acre feet, before AHCD can allocate any irrigation water.

On June 10, the BOR started cleaning out the inlet channel at Conchas Lake. On June 18 and 19, Arch Hurley pumped out water from the channel from recent rains. We started and ran both the large pumps and some small pumps to remove the water from the inlet channel. The work was completed by the BOR on June 27.

On June 24, Raymon Johnston from Rain & Hail Insurance came to visit with us about the lake levels at Conchas and the work that was being done on the inlet channel. We answered all of his questions and will get a letter written to the insurance company regarding that discussion. Raymon could get everything else he needed from our web site.

On June 27, Mark found where someone dumped a large amount of trash and furniture on our main canal. Mark found their name in the trash and filed a report with the Sheriff's Department. That person was fined and instructed to pick up all of the trash or face more fines.

On June 30, AHCD completed the second quarter with no accidents. The employees have received their safety incentive for that period.

On July 1, Arch Hurley did custom work for the USACE at the South Boat Ramp. They may need us later this week to do a little more work below the ramp.

In the board's packet you will see a response letter from the State Engineer to Representative Dennis Roch regarding the question of possible illegal diversions on the Canadian River Watershed. There is also a letter from the State Auditor accepting Arch Hurley's 2012 audit and authorizing us to make final payment to our auditor.

The recent rains have caused some damage to the AHCD delivery system. We will start repairing this damage and cleaning sand out of the laterals throughout the project.

We have liquidated all of the excess and surplus equipment that was put out to bid. There are a few loads of scrap steel that need to be hauled off. To date, AHCD has received over \$18,000.00 in revenue from the surplus equipment. An additional \$3 to \$4 thousand of scrap metal is left to sell. Manager McCasland thanked all the guys for the hard work it took to accomplish this task.

VISITORS

Judy Smith informed everyone present of up-coming 2013 Farm Program deadlines. July 15 is deadline to certify lands, July 30 is hay grazer deadline and August 2 is deadline for DCP. Ms. Smith stated that they have finished the CRP sign-up and results maybe sometime this month. An up-coming election, the position held by Donnie Bidegain who resigned in December due to conflict, is the Arch Hurley area. The deadline for nominations is August 1. The newsletter can be viewed online at www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe. The Farm Bill has not been passed yet. The prior Farm Bill could be extended or maybe a new one will be passed. The DCP should no longer exist. If there are any questions, please contact the FSA Office. The FSA Office is short handed, so please bear with the personnel at FSA.

Daniel Garcia informed everyone that he received 2.6 inches of rain. A culvert washed out a pond and mesquites are growing in the Main Canal.

George Evetts stated that the whole world is under a lot of stress including Arch Hurley. It's easy to complain, but we need to remember to thank those working hard for the District. We need to also thank the Board of Directors for thinking outside the box. The District is moving forward and to thank District Manager McCasland for his hand in keeping all of this in a positive direction.

WATER ALLOCATION – CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION

Director Evans the motion to not allocate any water due to the low lake elevation. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

APPROVE REVISED AHCD EMPLOYEE ANNUAL LEAVE PLEDGE FORM

Director Box made the motion to approve the revised Pledge Form language to read “accrued annual leave” and “collateral”. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

CONCHAS LAKE INTAKE CHANNEL UPDATE

Manager McCasland had a power point presentation. The pictures showed recent work on a cement ditch repair that was washed out, a 36” siphon that is 75’ in length that is packed full with sand, surplus vehicles that we replaced the beds with something more useful for AHCD, trash dumped on the canal road. A wash-out on a cement ditch on the end of Liberty lateral, at the Madrid Bridge the water washed out some of the embankment, east of Tucumcari Truck Stop where the water came off the side of the hill, it will be repaired with the long-reach excavator.

Pictures of the channel and boat ramps were shown. Director Box wanted to point out the big rocks in the picture. These big rocks were at the bottom of the channel and silt had collected around them. A picture of the pumps where they were used to remove the water in the channel was shown. The water in the channel was because of recent rains. Director Henson asked how deep the silt was in the channel. Maintenance Supervisor Hoffman stated that it was at least 8’ deep. The boat ramp repairs were in partnership with USACE.

Ms. Smith outlined the procedure in reporting lands that are blowing. She detailed the procedure in determining whether an owner and/or operator is out of compliance.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-003

Director Evans made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-003 which is the 2014 Final Budget. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

APPROVE AHCD 2012 AUDIT

Director Evans made the motion to approve the 2012 audit. It has been approved by the State Auditor and had no audit findings. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

**APPROVE TO SOLICIT STATED APPROVED AUDITOR
FOR 3-YEAR CONTRACT**

Director Henson made the motion to solicit for a 3-year contract to perform the AHCD audit for 2013, 2014 and 2015 with the deadline for bids to be August 5. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

BOR AUDIT, CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REVIEW

Manager McCasland pointed out the e-mail that we received from Randy Rust of the BOR. The last review was performed in 2004. The BOR sent Arch Hurley the forms that will be used in the review.

**EQUIPMENT LIST OF CAPITAL OUTLAY
PROPOSED PURCHASES AND LEASING**

Director Evans made the motion to authorize Manager McCasland to initiate a lease of 1 or 2 compact excavators for the District to begin using. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0. Mark Preciado, Craig Hoffman and Franklin McCasland meet and discussed the equipment needs of Arch Hurley. That list of equipment was made and prioritized. It appears that the funding will be available late fall.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

President Perkins thanked Ellen White for attending the meeting and taking the minutes. He also thanked Manager McCasland and employees for the custom work being performed. It has generated additional revenue for AHCD. Pres. Perkins thanked the constituents for reporting bridges, ditches and laterals in need of attention because of recent rains. He is appreciative of them understanding the time frame for repairs, what can be done and keeping Manager McCasland informed of their particular land situation. Pres. Perkins thanked the employees for another quarter with no accidents. He thanked

everyone who bid on the equipment items. If a constituent has any questions, you can go to your board member, the manager or to the director-at-large for an answer.

Director Henson stated that the budget is in good shape and thanked Manager McCasland for his diligence in that area.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Box. 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 10:10 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

