

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

Tuesday, December 10, 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, Maintenance Supervisor
Craig Hoffman and Office Manager Donna Lafferty

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, Daniel Garcia, Jearld White, Jeanne O'Dean,
Richard and Frances Dahl.

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
NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley
Conservancy District's November 12, 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 4,179.27 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,156.0 feet. Conchas Lake received 932 acre feet of inflow for the month of November and had a loss of 1,413 acre feet from evaporation and other losses.

AHCD is scheduled for a BOR Contract Compliance Audit for Thursday December 12, from 10:00 to 2:00 pm.

The compact excavator lease is up on December 14th. We have cleaned out the majority of the small ditches and laterals that we needed to be cleaned. The men have also cleaned out some weir pools in the project.

On November 13, AHCD was inspected by the NMDA Pesticide Compliance Inspector. There were no violations issued at this inspection.

On November 13, 14 and 15, Phillip Box, Larry Perkins and I attended the National Water Resources Annual Conference.

On December 2, the USACE flushed all 6 flood release gates on Conchas Dam. Each gate was opened for a total of 15 minutes. 5 minutes slowly to full open, 5 minutes wide open, 5 minutes slowly to fully closed. The video will show the silt being removed from in front of the gates. There was 120 acre feet of water used to flush the six gates.

FEMA will inspect the damaged area in San Miguel County on the week of December 16th. AHCD has estimated \$65,362.00 in damage to the main Conchas Canal to the county line. The excavators are on site and we have started on some of the repairs.

AHCD has identified four locations in the district that are high in continuing maintenance and water loss that we will be applying for a BOR Water Smart Grant to install PVC pipe in dirt laterals.

The AHCD annual Christmas Dinner will be December 19th. It will begin at 6:00 pm at the Rural 2 fire station.

Manager McCasland showed pictures of the damage to the Main Canal from the rains in September.

President Perkins asked about leasing the same excavator that we have been using if we return that excavator to the leasing company. Manager McCasland stated that representatives of the leasing companies will work with us so that the same machine could be leased again, if needed.

VISITORS

Richard and Frances Dahl presented the Board with a sign "WATCH FOR WATER".

REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION

President Perkins stated that the elevation of the lake is 4179.27. The elevation of Conchas Lake will stay on the agenda for informational purposes for the Board and constituents. Manager McCasland would like for the Board to think about what the volume of turn on and turn off will be for when water is released for the 2014 water run.

CHARLIE GUTIERREZ FROM TITAN MACHINERY: CASE BACKHOE

Mr. Gutierrez gave a pamphlet to Board members with the NM State price agreement for equipment - in particular backhoes and loaders. The plan thru Case Titan Machinery is that Arch Hurley would purchase a new piece of equipment and then after a year's use, exchange that piece of equipment at Titan Machinery and Arch Hurley would receive a new piece of equipment at zero cost. One of the selling points is that this exchange would continue on annual basis as long as state has price agreement with Titan. The warranty would be in effect for each piece of equipment. With this program, you have a new piece of equipment each year. The first year is a factory warranty and it is bumper-to-bumper and the next 4 years of limited warranty are required by the state.

REQUEST OF CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING FROM 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Director Box made the motion to request \$350,000 in 2014 Capital Outlay money for equipment from the Governor. This request is contingent on the governor obtaining \$112 million for water infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

FEMA UPDATE IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

Manager McCasland showed pictures of the damage to the Main Canal that occurred from the rains in September. The pictures represent 18 miles of the canal. Maintenance Supervisor Craig Hoffman submitted damage estimates to each area of the canal from the headworks to Tunnel 2. FEMA representatives will be here the week of the 16th. The cost for this repair will be divided between 3 entities: FEMA will be 75%, State of NM 12.5% and Arch Hurley 12.5%. Pictures of before and after repair will be taken to use as the documentation that FEMA requires.

USACE CYCLING THE RELEASE GATES ON CONCHAS DAM

Manager McCasland viewed the gates being flushed at Conchas Dam on December 2. He showed a video of the water being released. The flushing used an estimated 120 acre feet for the 6 gates that were flushed. Each gate was open for 15 minutes. Five minutes each to open, flush and close.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-013 PUBLIC MEETING NOTIFICATION

Director Henson made the motion to approve Resolution 2013-013 pertaining to the notification of the 2014 AHCD meetings. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

NWRA CONFERENCE UPDATE

Manager McCasland, President Perkins and Vice President Phillip Box attended the NWRA Conference in November. Some information that was obtained during this conference was that the NWRA and Family Farm Alliance opposed a mandate that required conservancy and irrigation district to have a 404 permit for maintenance. They were successful in getting conservancy and irrigation districts removed from this mandate. A meeting will be held in Albuquerque in December or January to discuss issues that affect irrigation districts. Federal laws and issues that are being proposed would be discussed. President Perkins stated that thru state caucus legislation being passed that water districts are not responsible for accidents on canal roads.

AHCD INPUT INTO QUAY COUNTY’S SUD-DIVISION APPLICATIONS

Director Evans made the motion for Manager McCasland to inquire into how other irrigation and conservancy districts are handling this issue and then relay this information to the Board. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

APPROVE EMPLOYEE SAFETY BONUS

Director Evans made the motion to approve a \$500 employee safety bonus. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

President Perkins stated that even though the 2013 year is coming to an end, the maintenance crews are still working on the canals with the small excavator.

Director Evans stated he was glad that the sub-division application issue is being addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Box made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 11:03 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Evans made the motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 11:49 a.m. President Perkins stated that only threatened or pending litigation and limited personnel matters was discussed. There was no action from executive session.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

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 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 11:50 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

