

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

**Tuesday, January 14, 2014**

**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, Daniel Garcia, Jearld White, Jeanne O'Dean,  
Russell Braziel of KTNM/KQAY, Don Lopez, Kenton Perkins,  
Lanny Ross of Big Mesa and Tomas Garcia 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  
DECEMBER 10, 2013**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's December 10, 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 4,179.07 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,155.7 feet. Conchas Lake received 669 acre feet of inflow for the month of December and had a loss of 868 acre feet from evaporation and other losses.

On January 1, the snow pack in the Canadian River Basin is less than 50% of the normal average to date. The spring forecast for precipitation is bleak, no relief until mid-summer.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, the compact excavator was returned to Volvo in Albuquerque.

On December 30<sup>th</sup>, AHCD severance bonds were sold. It will take about 6 weeks to complete the contracts and all of the paperwork between AHCD and DFA.

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Misty and I attended a pre-assessment meeting with FEMA in Las Vegas, N.M. AHCD has estimated \$65,362.00 in flood damage to the main Conchas Canal to the county line. The FEMA team will inspect AHCD on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. AHCD has started repairing the damage on the main canal.

The AHCD staff will have the 2014 water assessments ready to mail out in February. We are working on the 2014 RRA forms and checking to make sure all land leases are current for the 2014 irrigation season.

The ditch riders have dragged all of A -Unit and burned about half of it. We will continue dragging and burning until all units are completed. The maintenance crew is working on repairs to the main canal from Conchas to Tucumcari.

## **VISITORS**

George Evetts stated that he is glad that the signing of the Warren Act will conclude a stressful period for the Board and Manager.

Lanny Ross from Big Mesa stated that he will continue to help in getting the surveys completed and mailed.

## **REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION**

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of the lake is 4179.07. Manager McCasland stated as of today that elevation at 50% efficiency would calculate to 10.3”.

**SET IRRIGATION CFS VOLUMES FOR TURN ON AND TURN OFF AT  
CONCHAS LAKE FOR 2014 IRRIGATION SEASON**

Director Box made the motion to set the turn on at 50 acre feet of valid water ordered and turn off will be when the orders fall below 30 acre feet for 3 consecutive days. The delivery of water has the following stipulations to be a valid order: (1) RRA forms are current and on file in the district office, (2) the first ½ of the water assessments is paid and (3) water is paid for (if only ½ of the assessment is paid then only ½ of the water allocation can be purchased and ran).The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 4-0.

In the event of a major storm occurrence and the orders fall below 30 acre feet, the manager has the discretion to call the water off immediately in order to preserve water.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

Director Box made the motion to allocate 9” and to set a tentative turn on date of March 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-001  
BOR WATER CONSERVATION FIELD SERVICE PROGRAM GRANT**

Director Evans made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-001 which pertains to the removal of woody vegetation from Conchas to County line check. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-002  
BOR WATER SMART GRANT**

Director Evans made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-002 which pertains to installing 3 underground pipelines. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION**

The 30 day legislative session will begin January 21, 2014. Arch Hurley will requested \$300,000 for heavy equipment. This equipment will be used to assist in the installation of pipe in canals and ditches. The canals and ditches are identified in AHCD Strategic Plan under Water Conservation Plans and Project.

**FEMA UPDATE IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY**

Manager McCasland reported that on January 2, 2014, Misty Gully and he went to Las Vegas, NM. This meeting was a pre-assessment meeting to go over everything necessary to start the assessment process. On February 3, 2014, a three-man team from FEMA will tour the 13 sites in the Main Canal that were damaged by the rainfall in September 2013. The work at these sites has started and will be documented with before and after pictures. The goal is to be completed with these 13 sites by March 1, 2014.

**WARREN ACT APPROVAL**

Director Evans made the motion to approve the Warren Act as sent from the BOR. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **UPDATE REGARDING THE BOR CONTRACT COMPLIANCE AUDIT**

On December 12, 2013, Randy Rust and an assistant came to the Arch Hurley District Office and conducted an on-site audit with District Manager Franklin McCasland and Office Manager Donna Lafferty. Mr. Rust stated that the last time an audit was done was in 2004 and the next one will be in 2018. The current audit revealed no issues of non-compliance with the subject repayment contract or its amendments.

### **UPDATE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT**

A letter was received dated December 26, 2013, from Jeff Pappas from Department of Cultural Affairs Historic Preservation Division informing Arch Hurley that due to limited funds available our proposal was not selected. Arch Hurley will apply again next year.

### **JEANNE O'DEAN, PRESENTATION REGARDING SEEPAGE IN MAIN CANAL**

A telephone conference was held with Dr. Kim Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell explained his areas of expertise and how he believed it would benefit Arch Hurley Conservancy District. Director Box made the motion to table this matter. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

During director's comments the Board expressed various concerns. The concerns included whether farmers had a plan in reference to crops they will plant. It was discussed whether any cotton will be planted and the possibility of short-season milo. The Board felt that by allocating water, it will give the farmers the options to best suit their farming situation. The directors also discussed PSA informing the public of water in the ditches. In the past, Steve Peterson from USACE has given a presentation to the schools about water safety and the directors would like him to give that presentation to all the local schools. The directors would also like to make sure signs are in place in reference to “Not a Public Road” and the painted message in the cement ditches of “Stay alive by staying out.”

### **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 10:45 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 11:25 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 – “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 11:27 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

