

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

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

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

**Directors/Staff  
Absent:**

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

**Guests Present:** Jimmy Speed, Daniel Garcia, George Evetts, Judy Smith of FSA  
Office, Rachel Armstrong of NRCS, Don Lopez, Russell Braziel of  
KTNM/KQAY and Jason Lamb of Quay County Extension Office.

**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  
JANUARY 14, 2014**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley  
Conservancy District's January 14, 2014, regular meeting with the addition of "Big  
Mesa" to identify Lanny Ross' organization in "Guests Present" section. 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 4,178.8 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,155.5 feet. Conchas Lake received 432 acre feet of inflow for the month of January and had a loss of 741 acre feet from evaporation and other losses.

The 2011 and 2012 calendar years were the driest and warmest two year period on record for New Mexico. Weather records go back to 1895. Calendar year 2012 was the warmest on record and the second driest; only 1956 was drier in New Mexico. Fortunately, 2013 was wetter, as of January 1<sup>st</sup> the NRCS water supply forecast for March thru June inflow into Conchas Lake is 67% of normal or 20,000 AF.

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, AHCD was notified by the N.M. State Auditor's office that AHCD was out of audit compliance and was placed on the "AT RISK" ENTITY DESIGNATION. Donna made several calls to the auditor's office and on January 23, AHCD was removed from this list. AHCD is on a calendar year budget and the audit is due five months after the year ends. This is the third year in a row that AHCD has dealt with this same issue.

Director Box suggested that Arch Hurley take a pro-active stance and in January of 2015 write the State Auditor and remind them that Arch Hurley is calendar year entity. Our audit is not due until June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, I spoke with Jed Parker from the BOR regarding improvements to the AHCD office building. A list of the repairs are in the board packet.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Craig, Misty and I met with four FEMA inspectors at Conchas Lake. We drove the main canal from Conchas to the narrows. They inspected the work that AHCD has completed and work to be done.

On February 6, the AHCD staff mailed the 2014 water assessments. We are working on the 2014 RRA forms and checking to make sure all land leases are current for the 2014 irrigation season.

On February 10, AHCD received the signed and approved Capital Outlay contract from DFA for \$190,000. AHCD will start working on the invitations to bid advertisements for equipment.

AHCD has placed a white erase board next to the front door for Class A property owners who are not planning to utilize their water for the 2014 season. Manager McCasland stated that even though a person can post their interest in selling their water, it is the responsibility of the seller and buyer to contact each other and fill out the paperwork.

The ditch riders have burned A & B Unit. They are burning in C-Unit now. The maintenance crew is working on repairs to the main canal from Conchas to Tucumcari.

## **VISITORS**

Rachael Armstrong was introduced as the new District Conservationist of NRCS for Tukumcari, Roy and Clayton. She replaced Jim Norris.

Jason Lamb was introduced as the new Quay County Extension Agent. He is looking forward to working in Quay County.

Don Lopez wanted to make sure that when installing pipeline it be sized properly so that it will meet the needs of the users.

Judy Smith reported of the recent election for a board member of FSA. David Foote, Phillip Box and Lem Chesser ran for the position and David Foote won. Donald Carter is Chairman, Eric Rush is Vice Chairman and David Foote is member. The position of Advisory Member is available because Mrs. Goni Lopez is not serving another term. If anyone is interested in filling that position, they will need to write a letter of interest. The Farm Bill was passed and signed. FSA is aware of the general content of the Farm Bill, but to get the specifics of how the Farm Bill will affect each farmer/rancher, they will need to contact the FSA Office.

## **REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION**

Director McEwen made the motion to leave the water allocation at 9". The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

## **APPROVE ISC RE-LOAN INTEREST RATE FOR 2014**

Director Evans made the motion to set the ISC rate at 4%. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **APPROVE CUSTOM WORK EQUIPMENT PRICES**

Director Box made the motion to approve the 2014 Custom Work-Equipment Prices. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0. The dump truck was added at \$40.00 per hour. The Board would like a liability waiver to be signed when custom work is performed.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **OVERVIEW OF THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED BILLS**

A list of Senate Bills, House Bills and House and Senate Joint Resolutions were listed that concern irrigation/conservancy districts and businesses. Some of these proposed bills would directly benefit Arch Hurley. This agenda item was for information purposes only and to keep Arch Hurley constituents informed of these bills. The web site to track the progress of these bills is [www.nmlegis.gov/lcs](http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs).

### **REVIEW OF BOR ARCHITECT’S REPORT ON OFFICE BUILDING REPAIR**

Manager McCasland informed the Board that Charlie Otero toured the Arch Hurley building on Dec. 19, 2013, and submitted his estimate per items identified in the inspection report from a few years ago. Mr. Otero’s total bid is \$281,117.65.

Director Henson made the motion to advocate for repairs to the roof, building structure and the electrical issues with the ADA money. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **FEMA UPDATE IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY**

Manager McCasland reported that on February 3, 2014, Misty Gully, Craig Hoffman and he meet 4 people from FEMA at Conchas. The 4-member team viewed the sites that will be repaired. There is approximately 3 weeks of work left to fix correctly. If the water is turned on before the completion of these repairs, 5-7 days would be needed so that the canal could run water. When the work is completed, a FEMA team will come back and view the sites again.

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE “INVITATION TO BID” FOR A NEW  
COMPACT EXCAVATOR AND USED GRADALL**

Director Box made the motion to give Manager McCasland authority to proceed with invitation to bid on the compact excavator and used gradall. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE BACKHOE ON STATE CONTRACT**

Director Evans made the motion to approve the purchase of the Case backhoe. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

**DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS**

Director Evans stated that we need to remember the Case deal when we need a loader.

Director Henson stated that some of the farmers did not like the March 1, 2014, water turn on. With the requirement of 50 acre feet of valid water orders, the decision of when the water is turned on is in the hands of the constituents.

Director Box stated that the leverage project from Los Alamos National Lab is complete. With a 97% accuracy, the lack of water in Conchas, the water shed and tributaries are due to drought. With approval of the 5 participants, the results will be published on the Arch Hurley web site. Director Box wants the Lab to look at a 2 low-head hydro, renewable, energy generating stations for another project.

### **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 10:11 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

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 5-0. 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 – “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 11:32 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

