

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

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

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

Directors/Staff Director J.D. McEwen and Director Robert Evans

Absent:

Staff Present: District Manager Franklin McCasland, Office Manager Donna Lafferty and Land/Water Clerk Misty Gulley

Guests Present: Senator Pat Woods, Representative Dennis Roch, Jimmy Speed, Daniel Garcia, George Evetts, Jason Latham and Michael Vollmer of USACE, Kenton Perkins, Jearld White, Lanny Ross and Gayle Donathan of Big Mesa, 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 9:08 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
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's February 11, 2014, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “ABSENT”

Henson – “YES”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4,178.6 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,155.3 feet. Conchas Lake received 663 acre feet of inflow for the month of February and had a loss of 1,132 acre feet from evaporation and other losses.

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 irrigation season.

On March 4, Titan Machinery delivered the new backhoe. This backhoe was purchased with 2013 Capital Outlay Funds courtesy of Senator Woods and Representative Roch. There was a safety and maintenance training that day for all of the employees conducted by Titan.

On March 5 & 12, AHCD has placed an ad in the Quay County Sun to give a notice of invitation for bid for a compact excavator. Bids will be opened on March 28 at 2:00 pm. The bids will be on the April agenda for the Board of Directors to accept a bidder's proposal or to reject any or all bids.

AHCD was not successful in the approval of the BOR Field Service Program Grant. The review committee determined that the scope of work was Operations and Maintenance and therefore not eligible.

The ditch riders have burned all of the canals and laterals in the project except for the lower part of G-Unit. We should be finished burning this week. The overhead costs excluding labor to burn are running \$2,500 - \$3,000 per week. The men will start on cement ditch repairs when the burning is completed.

The maintenance crew has finished working on repairs to the Main Canal to the narrows where the major storm damage occurred last September. The men will do some minor road and canal repairs from the narrows to the County Line Check. This work should also be completed this week.

On March 10, FEMA team leader Mike McCorkle met with Misty Gully and Craig Hoffman. Mr. McCorkle took copies of labor, equipment and time sheet reports. He will prepare a written report and get back with AHCD in 7-10 days. Once approved and signed by AHCD, the report will be sent to Denton, Texas and Santa Fe, NM for approval and then to Washington, D.C. for fund obligation. Mr. McCorkle stated that reimbursement from FEMA should take 2-3 months.

An article has suggested that El Nino is expected to lead to more rain next winter for drought-stricken western states.

Estevan Lopez has been nominated by President Obama for the position of director of the Federal Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Lopez is a New Mexico native.

Director Box inquired of the number of water orders. Manager McCasland stated that Arch Hurley has 8 acre feet of orders, which represents 2 individuals.

VISITORS

George Evetts stated that there is an increase in agri-terrorism. There was a meeting in Clovis that covered this topic.

SENATOR PAT WOODS & REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS ROCH, OVERVIEW OF THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED BILLS

Representative Roch spoke about Senate bills and House bills that pertained to farmers and ranchers. Senate Bill 112 addressed the make-up of the Water Trust Board. If this bill becomes law, it will lose agricultural members on the board. House Bill 51 was passed and signed. It is the Right to Farm Act. Arch Hurley did not receive any Capital Outlay money this year, however NM Ag Science Center received \$75,000.

Senator Woods stated that agriculture is the very important to him. Americans have the cheapest and safest food available to them than any other country. Agriculture is a very regulated industry. Senator Woods would like to get the younger generation involved in agriculture. Senator Woods wanted to emphasize that farming practices have changed recently and one reason is due to weather conditions.

Manager McCasland wanted to thank Senator Woods and Representative Roch for their dedication, loyalty and integrity that they brought to the 2014 Legislative session.

Director Box expressed the same gratitude to Senator Woods and Representative Roch. Three issues that were also addressed at the Legislative session pertained to workers' comp, minimum wage and unemployment. Each of these issues will affect Arch Hurley and local businesses.

15 MINUTE RECESS TO INSPECT PURCHASED CAPITAL OUTLAY EQUIPMENT

REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION

Director Box made the motion to leave the water allocation at 9". The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “ABSENT”

Henson – “YES”

USACE. MICHAEL VOLLMER, CANAL SAFETY

Park Ranger Michael Vollmer would like to do a presentation on Canal Safety to local schools. He would like to emphasis life jacket usage, the buddy system when in the water and learning to swim to prevent drowning. The presentation is scheduled for the high school on April 24. The elementary school will be divided into two groups and those presentations will be in April. Mr. Vollmer is working on getting a presentation for the middle school.

Director Box made the motion to support and assist Mr. Vollmer in presenting canal safety to local schools. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “ABSENT”

Henson – “YES”

APPROVE ASSOCIATE MEMBER AGREEMENT FOR NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE

APPROVE THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE

Director Box made the motion to move forward in joining as an Associate Member Agreement and Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement both of National Joint Powers Alliance. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Evans – “ABSENT”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

APPROVAL TO UTILIZE FEMA REINBURSEMENTS TO FUND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Director Henson made the motion to use part or all of the reimbursement money from FEMA to purchase new or used equipment. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Evans – “ABSENT”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

Land/Water Clerk Misty Gulley and Maintenance Supervisor Craig Hoffman met with FEMA Team Leader Michael McCorkle on March 10, 2014. Misty Gulley reported that Mr. McCorkle went over the reimbursement process pertaining to the FEMA funds. FEMA pays 75%, State 12.5% and Arch Hurley 12.5%. The FEMA portion, Arch Hurley should receive in 2 to 3 months. Mr. McCorkle will write the grant with Arch Hurley documentation of time cards, labor and equipment costs. Once these project work sheets are written, they will be reviewed by Manager McCasland to approve and then to Denton, TX and Santa Fe Homeland Security for signatures. After that it will go to Washington, DC for funds to be obligated. The approximate amount to receive from FEMA is \$90,000 plus administrative cost.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Director Box stated that there is a Farm Bill Program that will be held March 25 at 3:00 pm at the Clovis Civic Center. At this program, the 2014 Farm Bill will be reviewed in detail so that farmers will be more prepared to make decisions concerning their farm.

President Perkins thanked Manager McCasland and crew for getting the district ready for the irrigation season. They have diligent in burning when possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Box made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 3-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 10:43 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “ABSENT”

Henson – “YES”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Henson made the motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 3-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 11:45 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 – “ABSENT”

Henson – “YES”

Manager McCasland informed the Board that he would be running for the position of Quay County Commissioner.

Director Henson made the motion to change the status of Manager McCasland’s payroll from salary to hourly and that Manager McCasland will keep the hours that he is working for Arch Hurley and the hours pertaining to the County Commission separate. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 3-0. This change will be effective on Payroll #7.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “ABSENT”

Henson – “YES”

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “ABSENT”

Henson – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

