

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

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

**Directors/Staff
Absent:**

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

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, Kenton Perkins, Pablo Lopez, Daniel Garcia, Christy Dominguez and Jeff Strom of Big Mesa.

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 President Larry Perkins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

**APRIL 8, 2014
AND SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 5, 2014**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's April 8, 2014, regular meeting and the May 5, 2014, special meeting after a correction to the regular meeting where Phillip Box seconded the motion to approve purchase of excavator. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4,176.0 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,154.2 feet. Conchas Lake received 1,416 acre feet of inflow for the month of April and had a loss of 2,553 acre feet from evaporation and other losses.

On April 17, I visited with the pickup vendors that are on the N.M. State contract. Dodge is offering the best price for a ¾ ton 4 door pickup with a towing package. This expenditure will be from AHCD Capital Outlay that we received from the 2013 legislative session.

On April 22, AHCD started the release of 150 cfs from Conchas Lake to start the 2014 irrigation season. There has and continues to be many challenges and issues delivering irrigation water this season. The AHCD employees have stepped up and are still working long hours to deliver water to the landholders.

On April 24, Misty gave a talk regarding canal safety to the elementary and high school classes. This was done in cooperation with the USACE water safety outreach programs.

On April 28, 4-Rivers Equipment delivered the John Deere compact excavator. The ditch cleaning bucket was a special order and should arrive this week. Craig installed the ditch bucket that was used on the leased Volvo excavator.

On April 29 & 30, the BOR was at AHCD for Reclamation Reform Act (RRA) training for the staff. This was much more beneficial to us as the information focused on our RRA issues.

On April 30, AHCD hosted the ISC meeting in Tucumcari. The meeting was followed with a tour of Conchas Lake and the AHCD delivery system.

On May 5, Misty spoke with FEMA and our paperwork is in Denton Texas waiting for their approval. When it is approved by them, it will be sent to AHCD for our approval. We will then send the paperwork to Washington D.C. for their approval.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT					
WATER REPORT					
FOR: APRIL 2014					
Released at headworks	2,537.00	Released to date	2537.00		
Diverted this month	341.00	Diverted to date	341.00		
Delivered to farms	244.00	Delivered to date	244.00		
Percent Del. of release	71.55%	Percent delivered to date	71.55%		
Lateral Carriage					
Unit	Diverted	Delivered	Excess	Lateral transport water	Percentage
A	61	49	0	12.00	80.33%
B	70	51	0	19.00	72.86%
C	18	15	0	3.00	83.33%
D	80	44	0	36.00	55.00%
E	108	81	0	27.00	75.00%
F	4	4	0	0.00	100.00%
G	0	0	0	0.00	#DIV/0!
TOTALS	341	244	0	97.00	71.55%
Inflow					
Main canal storage/evapo/trans	2196.00			January	432
Lateral Excess	0			February	663
Lateral Carriage/evapo/trans	97			March	1,465
Total for Month	2293			April	1,416
Delivery this Month	244			May	
Total Releases	2537.00			June	
				July	
Lake Elevation	4,177.23			August	
				September	
				October	
Golf Course used	0	AF			November

(Included in unit "A" delivery total)

December	_____
YEAR TO DATE	
TOTALS:	3,976

VISITORS

No comments from any of the visitors.

SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 1

Quay County Clerk Veronica Marez swore in Robert Lopez as the new director representing District 1.

REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION

Director Lopez made the motion that in the event the water is turned off when it goes below the 30 cfs of orders for three days, that when it is turned back on it will be at the 40 cfs of orders. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-006
AHCD 2015 BUDGET**

Director Box made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-006. This resolution is the AHCD 2015 budget. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-007
LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN**

Director Box made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-007. This resolution is opposing the naming of the Lesser Prairie Chicken as a threatened species. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

EPA’S PROPOSED “WATER” RULE

Director Phillip Box stated that he has attended 3 meetings in the last month related to the Clean Water Act and endangered species. These two topics greatly affect farmers, ranchers and landowners. Within the regions, exemptions and rulings can be interpreted different. If you agree with the interpretation or exemptions of one region and it’s not the region in which you reside, the only way to resolve the issue is to go to court. At the present time, this is an issue mostly affecting the western states and Mr. Jim Lane, former NM Game, Fish and Wildlife Director, believes this issue will start getting more support because it is spreading to the eastern states and will start affecting their private property rights. At the present time there are 135 endangered species that environmental groups are wanting action to be taken. Of the 135 species, 37 of them will affect New Mexico. Manager McCasland was instructed to check with EPCOG to see if they foresee a resolution on the Clean Water Act.

ISC MEETING COMMENTS

President Larry Perkins, District Manager Franklin McCasland and Vice President Phillip Box stated that as they were touring the District with ISC members in their vehicles, the ISC members commented that the AHCD canals need to be lined and/or put in a pipeline to increase efficiency. Arch Hurley was originally designed to have an efficiency of 50% and that is what it is today. After the tour, the ISC members stated that it was an eye-opening experience and that they now better understand the District’s challenges. They were amazed at the engineering it took to complete the dam, 4 tunnels and 22 siphons to get the water to Tucumcari.

Director Phillip Box wanted to thank District Manager Franklin McCasland for the work and effort it took to host an ISC meeting here.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

President Perkins commends the crew for the long hours they have put in to get the canals ready and running as smooth as possible with all the issues that have arisen.

Director Box wanted to inform everyone that CRELA (Coalition of Renewable Energy Landowners Association) is hosting a meeting at the Ft. Sumner High School Multipurpose Room at 9:30 am on May 31, 2014. This meeting will address the issues of the Clean Water Act and Lesser Prairie Chicken. Director Box will get the details to Manager McCasland so that he can inform the rest of the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Lopez made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 9:55 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Box made the motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 10:49 a.m. President Perkins stated that only legal action regarding Department of Workforce Solutions and NM Risk Management was discussed

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Vice President Phillip Box

