

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

Tuesday, November 10, 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: Gayle Donathan and Don Hughes of Big Mesa and Debra Mitchell

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
OCTOBER 14, 2014**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's October 14, 2014, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. 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 4,177.6 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,179.64 feet. Conchas Lake received 2,361 acre feet of inflow for the month of October and had a loss of 706 acre feet from evaporation and other losses and 7,799 acre feet were diverted for AHCD. The year to date inflow into Conchas Lake is 80,376 acre feet.

On October 20, I attended the Regional Water Plan meeting in Tucumcari and on October 27, the Mora and San Miguel water meeting in Las Vegas.

On October 29 and 30, I attended the State of New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference. The finances are looking good for the state this year in regards to capital outlay appropriations. There have been some changes to both capital outlay funding and CDGB funding. Misty will attend a CDGB workshop in Albuquerque on December 10th.

On October 31, I attended a phone conference with Karen Bud Fallon and all of the plaintiffs regarding the Lesser Prairie Chicken. Karen informed the group that the environmental groups and the Justice Department are trying to move the lawsuit to Washington D.C. The group approved to allow Karen Fallon to amend the original lawsuit to keep the hearing in Oklahoma.

On November 3, AHCD ordered the irrigation water off at Conchas Lake for the 2014 season.

We had both axle housings rebuilt for our Champion 710A Road grader about two months ago. We got axle housing back, installed it and one of the housing seals failed. The seal was removed and returned to 4-Rivers for a warranty rebuild.

Last month, I reported that AHCD had three pickups down with transmission problems and one with the rear end out. All but one, are now back in service at this time.

AHCD received the approved audit contract from the State Auditor approving Sandra Rush to do our 2014 audit.

Director Box reported that the judge in Tulsa is fighting to keep Lesser Prairie Chicken suit in Oklahoma. Pres. Perkins went to Land Planning and stated that Arch Hurley needs to participate in creating a "Land Use Plan" to show historical use of land and conservation practices on the land.

Director Lopez asked if water is still running. Manager McCasland stated that water is still running on Conchas side.

**REVIEW OF CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION
AND ALLOCATION**

Director Box made the motion that no water be allocated at this time. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

**APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM
FUND 2 TO FUND 3**

Director Lopez made the motion to transfer funds of \$120,000 from Fund 2 to Fund 3. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

**2015 CAPITAL OUTLAY, CDBG &
WATER SMART GRANTS DISCUSSION**

Manager McCasland stated that the BOR’s Field Service Grant and Water Smart Grant are 50/50 to be completed in 2 years. In the past, BOR grants allowed in-kind participation which worked out well for Arch Hurley. With having an irrigation season, the window to complete projects is about 4 months. Manager McCasland stated that those four months are committed to projects when an irrigation season is anticipated. Manager McCasland would like to apply for a planning grant thru CDBG for \$50,000 and Arch Hurley’s portion will be 10%. He would like to up-date AHCD’s Water Conservation Plan. The directors discussed requesting equipment on the Capital Outlay money and replacing FEMA trailers currently being used for four ditch rider’s houses thru either putting it in the budget or a no interest loan.

Director Lopez made the motion to apply for the CDBG Grant of \$50,000 to be used to up-date Arch Hurley’s Water Conservation Plan. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING MEETINGS UPDATE

On October 20, Manager McCasland attended the NE NM Regional Water Planning meeting. NE region comprises Union, Harding, Quay, Curry and Roosevelt Counties. The agenda, tables and meeting material are in the packet for the director's inspection. On October 27, Manager McCasland also attended the NW NM Regional Planning Meeting pertaining to Mora and San Miguel counties.

VISITORS

Gale Donathan asked about Arch Hurley using the proposed pipeline to generate electricity. Her concern was that Arch Hurley would release water into the pipeline year round. If Arch Hurley were to generate electricity, it would only be during the irrigation season. Director Phillip Box stated that the pipeline, generating electricity and etc. are in the beginning stages of a study from Los Alamos National Lab.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Box remarked on the letter from the State Auditor's Office. The letter stated that they would give financial assistance to entities to cover the cost of completing 2014 and prior year audits. An entity isn't eligible for capital outlay if their audit isn't current.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Box made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 10:20 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 Henson. Motion carried 5-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 10:45 a.m. President Perkins stated that only limited personnel matters were discussed. No action was taken.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made the motion to pay the presented bills. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

