

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

**Monday, December 8, 2014**

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

**Directors/Staff  
Absent:** Director J.D. McEwen

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

**Guests Present:** George Evetts, Jimmy Speed, Kenton Perkins and Jason Lamb

**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 9:05 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  
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's November 10, 2014, regular meeting after the addition in the manager's report 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph to read "...Arch Hurley needs to participate in creating a Land Use Plan..." The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – "YES"

McEwen – "ABSENT"

Box – "YES"

Lopez – "YES"

Henson – "YES"

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4,177.2 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,179.36 feet. Conchas Lake received 689 acre feet of inflow for the month of November and had a loss of 1,467 acre feet from evaporation and other losses. The year to date inflow into Conchas Lake is 81,065 acre feet.

On November 3, the release of irrigation water from Conchas Dam was ordered off for the year. The men have pulled the boards out of the checks and tied them up for the season.

I want to inform everyone that Gov. Martinez announced changes to some cabinet positions. The State Engineer Scott Verhines was replaced by Tom Blaine, a state Environment Department division director. The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District announced that Subhas Shah will be retiring this fall and that Mr. Mike Hamman; the Albuquerque Area Director for the Bureau of Reclamation was hired as his replacement.

I informed the Board at the last meeting the environmental groups were working to move the Lesser Prairie Chicken hearings to Washington D.C. On November 21, the defendants filed a motion of withdrawal to transfer the venue.

The men are repairing the waste way on the bottom of the Liberty Lateral. This was a problem area last spring after some heavy rains. They are reshaping the ditch and compacting the soil before we pour that section with cement.

The radial gate from the Y to the Conchas side has been removed and taken to the shop for repairs. The radial gate will have all of the rollers and bearings repaired or replaced and re-painted before it is installed back into service.

On December 18, starting at 6:00 pm, AHCD will be having our Christmas Party at the Quay County Fairgrounds.

## **REVIEW OF CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION**

Manager McCasland reported that the lake elevation is 4177.2 today.

**RESOLUTION 2014-012  
AHCD 2015 PUBLIC MEETING NOTIFICATION**

Director Box made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-012 pertaining to Public Meeting Notification for 2015. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

**REQUEST CAPITAL OUTLAY  
FROM 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Director Box made the motion that Manager McCasland speak with Senator Woods and Representative Roch and request the maximum amount for the 2015 Capital Outlay. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0. The two pieces of equipment that is being considered is a transport truck and a front end loader.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

**APPROVE OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT LIST  
FOR LIQUIDATION OR SALVAGE**

Director Box made the motion to approve the equipment on the Excess and obsolete list and for Manager McCasland to go ahead with the liquidation process. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

**AHCD FARM LEASES  
RENTERS WITH AND WITHOUT RRA**

Manager McCasland explained that when there is a lease among RRA participants there is a lease to refer to because it is required by at least one of the individuals by being over 240 acres. However, when there is a lease or an agreement between individuals that are not required to report it on RRA forms, Arch Hurley doesn't require a copy of that lease. When that is the case, Arch Hurley employees don't know the particulars of the lease, for instance who pays assessment, who pays for the water, can water be transferred off

owners land, who gets billed if water goes over amount paid and who gets water credit if there is one.

**ACTION REGARDING  
NMSBA FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING ENERGY GENERATING  
TECHNOLOGIES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CANAL IMPROVEMENTS**

After a discussion about utilizing a section of Arch Hurley land for turbines and solar arrays which would be of no expense to AHCD and would bring in revenue to AHCD, Director Lopez made the motion for Manager McCasland to talk with the BOR and interested developers about this project. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

**NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE UPDATE**

President Perkins stated that a lot of information was presented at this conference that was held Nov. 12-14. There was a lot of political information were discussed because of the Endangered Species Act and Water of US. Manager McCasland said the state caucus was held the second day. An election was held and the following were elected to the listed position: Subhas Shah as president, Franklin McCasland as Vice President, Aaron Block as Sec/Treas., Bill Netherland, Steve Fernandez and Gary Eslinger as Ways, Means and Policy members. Phillip Box talked about a presentation referring to an irrigation district in Colorado dealing with 5 different species of endangered fish over a five year period. In that time frame, no improvement was seen even though money and water was given to the cause. Larry, Phillip and Franklin got to visit with Estevan Lopez, Reclamation’s Principal Deputy Commissioner. Vice President Phillip Box attended a session that dealt with hydro. New designs were presented that require less fall.

**APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE’S SAFETY BONUS**

Director Box made the motion to approve a Safety Bonus to the Arch Hurley employees for \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

No visitor comments

### **DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

President Perkins stated that Arch Hurley had a good year and really appreciated the safety incentive program. He also liked how the ditchriders managed the last of the water after the water had been shut off at Conchas Lake.

### **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

Director Henson made the motion to pay the presented 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 10:42 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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Vice President Phillip Box

ATTEST:

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Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

