

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

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

Directors/Staff

Absent: President Larry Perkins

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

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, Richard and Frances Dahl, Thomas and Robert Evans, Debra Mitchell, Don Lopez and Russell Braziel of KTNM/KQAY.

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, Vice President Box 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 Vice President Phillip Box and the Invocation was given by Vice President Phillip Box.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2014**

Director Henson made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's December 8, 2014, regular meeting after a correction to the second approving the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4,177.1 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,179.2 feet. Conchas Lake received 684 acre feet of inflow for the month of December and had a loss of 603 acre feet from evaporation and other losses.

On December 11, Misty Gulley attended a CDBG workshop in Albuquerque. Misty is working on a CDGB planning grant to update AHCD Water Conservation Plan.

The radial gate from the Y to the Conchas side was removed and taken to the shop for repairs. The radial gate has new rollers, bearings, music note (rubber seals), chains, and cables and was re-painted and is now in service.

The men have repaired the bottom of the Liberty Lateral where the erosion from the spring rains was washing out the structures. There were several modifications made to prevent future problems in this area.

The radial gate located at Check 7 will be removed and we will replace the bearings and rollers before the next water season.

We are replacing the deck, wiring and lights on the gooseneck trailer that was recently painted.

In the information of the board packet you will see that we mailed letters to all RRA producers in the district. We asked them to update their leases by February 20th. This will help us prepare their RRA forms for the 2015 irrigation season.

On January 20, the 52nd Legislative session begins. I will attend meetings and hearing that are related to water and agricultural.

The AHCD employees want to thank the Board of Directors for the annual Christmas Dinner.

A power point presentation was given. It was pictures of recent repair work to radial gates and repair on the Liberty Lateral.

REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of the lake is 4177.1. Manager McCasland wanted input from directors on when to put water allocation on the agenda. It will probably go on the agenda in March or April.

SKIP VERNON’S PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF DESIGN TO PUMP SPILL WATER

Arch Hurley Conservancy District and the BOR will need to call a meeting to review the design to pump spill water. There are other issues that need to be discussed and until all the interested parties can meet, this agenda item can’t be approved.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FROM THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Capital Outlay for 2015 will probably be much less because of the amount the State is collecting is less than budgeted. The low fuel prices are the main contributing factor to the decrease in revenue. Manager McCasland plans to ask for \$150K. The request is for equipment and 2 or more pickups. The 2015 Legislative Session begins January 20, 2015, and that is when the requests will be made.

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

This is an issue that involves the BOR approval on many levels and all decisions and requests are being forwarded to BOR offices in Denver and Salt Lake City. A meeting had to be rescheduled so that all the key players could attend. So at the present time, this agenda item is still in its early stages.

LIQUIDATION OF SURPLUS AND EXCESS EQUIPMENT

A letter was sent to the new state auditor on January 8, 2015. AHCD will wait for a response to that letter. Once an affirmative response to the letter or the time frame has passed, the process of advertising and accepting bids can begin.

APPROVAL OF AHCD QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Lopez made the motion to approve Arch Hurley’s 4th quarter DFA financial report. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 4-0. Arch Hurley also received a letter from State of NM DFA that the 2015 budget had been granted full certification.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

NEW MEXICO'S GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TORT CLAIM GENERAL LIABILITY PREMIUM

A letter was sent to GSD-Admin Services Division on December 18, 2014, in reference to an invoice dated December 5, 2014. In that letter it was questioned as to why AHCD would receive an invoice for general liability thru the State. Arch Hurley has provided its own general liability insurance for 65 years. No response to that letter has been received.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Robert Evans asked what the possible allocation could be for the 2015 season. Manager McCasland stated it could range possibly between 6" to 8". Manager McCasland stated that the snow pack is better that it was last year.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No director's comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Lopez made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 4-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 9:35 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – "ABSENT"

McEwen – "YES"

Box – "YES"

Lopez – "YES"

Henson – "YES"

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Henson 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 10:15 a.m. Vice President Box stated that only threatened or pending litigation and limited personnel matters was discussed. There was no action from executive session.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – "ABSENT"

McEwen – "YES"

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 McEwen. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Vice President Phillip Box

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

