

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

**Tuesday, March 10, 2015**

**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, Debra Mitchell, Don Lopez, Paul  
Estrada, Russell Braziel of KTNM and Steve Hansen 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 9:01 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 10, 2015**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley  
Conservancy District's February 10, 2015, 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 4,177.2 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,178.8 feet. Conchas Lake received 1,570 acre feet of inflow for the month of February and had a loss of 192 acre feet from evaporation and other losses.

On March 2, I spoke with Charlie Gutierrez from Titan Machinery regarding the trade for our Case 580 Backhoe. AHCD purchase price was \$73,741. on last year's contract. On this year's state contract the price for the backhoe is \$75,215.82 FOB Albuquerque. AHCD will pay \$1,474.82 for the 2015 backhoe.

On March 3, we had four AHCD employees attend the underground pipeline safety seminar that was held at the Tucumcari Convention Center.

On March 4, I attended a meeting in Albuquerque at the OSE Office. The meeting was with the New Mexico NWRA Association. We discussed pending state legislation that was introduced this legislative session. I have attended several Legislative hearings in Santa Fe this year regarding water issues. The session ends on March 21 at noon.

There are some problems with the CDBG application process for special districts. AHCD can apply through the NMFA for a \$50,000 planning grant. I attended a land use planning meeting in Grady that was hosted by Karen Bud Fallon. AHCD may want to include a land use plan within the water conservation planning grant.

AHCD will have to repair the turbo on the XL3100 Gradall. The engine on the Champion Road Grader appears to have a hole in the piston. Repairs are on hold to see if a replacement can be found at the state surplus.

The men are cleaning ditches, repairing cement laterals, replacing weir blades and staff gauges throughout the district. They have started the dragging and burning of the canals and laterals.

## **REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION AND WATER ALLOCATION FOR THE 2015 IRRIGATION SEASON**

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is 4177.2. Director Box made the motion to allocate 6" at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – "YES"  
McEwen – "YES"

Box – "YES"

Lopez – "YES"  
Henson – "YES"

**SET IRRIGATION CFS VOLUMES FOR TURN ON AND TURN OFF AT  
CONCHAS FOR THE 2015 IRRIGATION SEASON**

Director Box made the motion to approve 40 cfs of valid orders for turn on and 30 cfs for turn off for 2015 irrigation season and give manager discretion to make decisions for safety reasons and when general precipitation occurs. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

**USACE MICHAEL VOLLMER, WATER SAFETY, JOINT OUTREACH FOR  
YOUTH**

Michael Vollmer and Nadine Carter of USACE stated that a program was scheduled for Tukumcari Elementary School on April 8, 2015. Their portion would last about 45 minutes and would like for Arch Hurley to once again partner with them in this outreach program to promote safety around the lake and irrigation canals. Director Lopez made the motion for Arch Hurley to assist the US Army Corp of Engineers with this program. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0. It was asked of Mr. Vollmer if the data from flushing the gates at Conchas Lake was available. He stated the data, most likely, would be completed in six weeks and could be presented at the May board meeting.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

**LANNY ROSS, ECCO ROAD SYSTEM PRESENTATION**

Mr. Ross didn't attend the board meeting. Manager McCasland stated that he would like to see a sample using sand. No action was taken.

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FROM THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Arch Hurley did put in a request for Capital Outlay for 2015. The State had in reserves \$285 million and now the reserves are less than \$80 million. Keep in mind that the \$80 million will be divided three ways between the governor, senators and representatives.

Manager McCasland does not anticipate receiving any monies this year. AHCD will know something about our request next month.

### **LIQUIDATION OF SURPLUS AND EXCESS EQUIPMENT**

Correspondences with the State auditor’s office were in the board packet. Manager McCasland plans to meet with Kathryn Neidig, Audit Manager for State Auditor. The new state auditor is saying that the equipment and vehicles belongs to the State. The state auditor wants the State surplus to have the opportunity of the vehicles and equipment if they want any and if not, State surplus can sell the items and keep the money. Manager McCasland plans to explain that the equipment and vehicles that are on the list to liquidate were purchased by AHCD funds.

### **BOARD’S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM CONCERNED CONSTITUENTS**

Director Phillip Box stated that he was visiting with Dave Williams of Senator Tom Udall’s office. One of the issues was the title transfer. Mr. Williams expressed the lack of 100% support from Arch Hurley constituents. The senator had received letters from constituents opposing the title transfer. Without total support and working together, our senators won’t fight for this transfer in Washington, DC. President Perkins stated that anyone who opposes the transfer to speak with district manager and/or board members so that they can address their concerns and enlighten them about the benefits of transferring the license.

In the board packet there was an article about the drought affecting California. The article stated that if the dams and reservoirs that were slated to be built in the 1970’s were built, California would have had water in storage and this drought wouldn’t have the impact it has had on farmers, industry and people.

### **REVIEW AMENDED WATER DELIVERY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Director Henson made the motion to amend the Water Delivery Policies and Procedures by adding the following sentence: “NOTICE” The AHCD’s Board of Directors MAY increase or decrease the cfs requirements for on and off demand based on Conchas Lake elevation and annual allocation. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

## **NM-NWRA LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Manager McCasland reviewed some of the bills that affect water, agriculture, State Engineers Office and Interstate Stream Commission. The legislative session ends March 21 at noon. There is dissension between State Legislature and Interstate Steam Commission. An action of the Interstate Stream Commission wasn't supported by the legislature. Director Box described a few of the bills he has interest in and their progress through the legislature session.

## **VISITOR COMMENTS**

Don Lopez stated that on the issue of transferring the license from the BOR to Arch Hurley, it doesn't matter whose name the license is in because the water rights belong to the land owner.

Debra Mitchell asked why Arch Hurley has to get permission from the State Auditor to sell their own equipment. Manager McCasland explained that in the past there was never an issue with liquidating equipment, however a new state auditor took office this year and he has a new staff. Communication between state auditor's office and AHCD will explain how Arch Hurley purchased this equipment, not the State. In this process of selling obsolete equipment, the CPA that does Arch Hurley's annual audit looks for documentation to State auditor to insure they were aware and approved of the liquidation.

## **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Box reviewed some of the bills that have been of interest to him.

President Perkins wanted to let the constituents know that the meetings on Water Quality and Land Use are open to the public. The public is welcome to attend.

## **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted 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 10:41 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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President Larry Perkins

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

