

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

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015**

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

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

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** District Manager Franklin McCasland, Office Manager Donna  
Lafferty and Land/Water Clerk Misty Gulley

**Guests Present:** Jimmy Speed, Debra Mitchell, Phil Bidegain, Daniel Garcia,  
Frances and Richard Dahl, Chelsea Hannick and Bob Bruce of  
Canadian River Soil and Water District

**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  
MARCH 10, 2015**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley  
Conservancy District's March 10, 2015, regular meeting. 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 4,176.46 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,178.25 feet. Conchas Lake received 2,140 acre feet of inflow for the month of March and had a loss of 2,151 acre feet from evaporation and other losses.

On April 2, AHCD opened the irrigation release gates at Conchas Lake. The ordered release was at 100cfs.

On April 6, Craig transported our 2014 Case Backhoe to Albuquerque and picked up the 2015 Backhoe from Titan Equipment.

On April 8, we discovered that siphon 26 was plugged. We reduced the release at Conchas by 30% that evening. The plug was dislodged the next morning at 11:45. This set our water delivery schedule back 36-48 hours downstream of the blockage.

On April 8, Misty Gully presented at the elementary school an AHCD water safety presentation to the K -5 grade classes. This was done in conjunction with the USACE water safety outreach program.

AHCD repaired the turbo on the XL3100 Gradall and it is back in service. We had to call ASCO Machinery from Amarillo to repair a broken bushing in the track of the long reach excavator.

In the board packet is the first Quarterly Financial Statement to DFA.

Director Lopez inquired what the current day release was. He was informed it was 150cfs.

President Perkins asked if there is the possibility of installing a removable rack at the inlet of Siphon #26. At the end of the irrigation season, install the rack so that it could prevent large items going in the siphon.

## **REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION AND WATER ALLOCATION**

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is 4176.46. Director Box made the motion that there be no additional allocation at this time and leave allocation at 6". The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

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

Manager McCasland stated that he spoke to Kathryn L. Meidigk, Office of State Auditor. She stated that the letter we received was an automatic signature letter. After Manager McCasland explained how AHCD is different than State Agencies, she said that if we didn't hear anything for the Auditor's Office in 30 day to proceed with the sealed bids. The advertisement will run April 8 and 15 in the local newspaper. Bids will be accepted until the end of day on May 8 and will be opened on May 11 at 1:30 pm.

## **MOU WITH CANADIAN RIVER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, DEVELOPMENT OF A LAND USE PLAN**

Director Henson made the motion to authorize Arch Hurley to proceed with the MOU with Canadian River Soil and Water District to develop a Land Use Plan and authorize payment for AHCD's portion. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 4-0. The Land Use Plan will include historical use of the land with Quay County, AHCD and Canadian River Soil and Water Conservation District participating in supplying the information.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

## **LANNY ROSS, ECCO ROAD SYSTEM PRESENTATION**

Mr. Ross gave a presentation on an alternative to lining the canals or installing a pipeline. It is a company, Wood Patel Engineers out of Phoenix, Arizona. The company will do the entire process. This process is used on roads, canals, tanks, buildings, etc. It is comprised of concrete, soil and the company's special ingredients. President Perkins plans to travel to Phoenix in May and will visit the company.

## **FEASIBILITY AND CONCLUSIONS OF REVEWABLE ENERGY STUDY**

Manager McCasland stated that there has been no response to an e-mail to Susan Woods and Randy Rust of the BOR sent on March 25, 2015. The Board would like for Manager McCasland to continue communicating with the BOR. AHCD would like the BOR to know that AHCD is serious about this project. Arch Hurley would like to use the revenue generated from this project to improve the water delivery efficiency.

## **NORTHEAST REGIONAL WATER PLAN, AHCD DEVELOPING A LIST FOR FUTURE PROJECTS**

The Northeast New Mexico Regional Water Plan will hold a meeting on Monday, April 21, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Tucumcari Convention Center, Liberty Room. The hydrologist and facilitator is Amy Ewing. The five counties represented in the NE Region will need to develop a “wish list” for the entity they represent. Director Lopez made the motion to table this agenda item until after they could attend the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> and develop Arch Hurley’s list. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Directors Voted:**

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

## **REVIEW OF THE DRAFT 2016 AHCD BUDGET**

The paperwork for the 2016 budget was reviewed by the directors. The numbers that were used reflect a \$14.00 per acre assessment. Each of the directors will study the revenues and expenditures. Manager McCasland stated that if they had questions or changes to let him know.

### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

No visitor comments.

### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Henson stated that he had some calls from farmers about burning the weeds better. He also stated some farmers didn’t want the water turned on so early.

Director Lopez stated that he had concerns about the weeds that were pulled from the canals, but not burned.

President Perkins wanted to commend Manager McCasland and the crew for their effort in removing the obstruction in siphon #26.

### **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 11:48 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

