

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

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Directors Present: President Larry Perkins, Vice President Phillip Box, and Director Robert Lopez

Directors/Staff Absent: Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson and Director J.D. McEwen

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

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed and Russell Braziel of KTNM

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 Vice President Phillip Box.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
August 11, 2015**

Director Lopez made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's August 11, 2015, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “ABSENT”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4,184.0 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,180.0 feet. Conchas Lake received 22,708 acre feet of inflow for the month of August and diversions for AHCD was 7,307 acre feet. The irrigation delivery water dropped below 40cfs in the month of August. The winter wheat irrigation has picked up the delivery orders for September. Yesterday, AHCD was releasing 140cfs from Conchas Lake.

On August 17th, the ISC staff held a public meeting at the Tucumcari High School to inform the property owners for the reason they have filed the water application with the OSE. There were 10 protest filed against the ISC application from across the state.

AHCD staff filed liens against 21 Class A landowners who were three years or more delinquent in their assessments.

An injunction was filed over the extent of WOTUS for 13 states. New Mexico is included in the injunction. There is a hearing scheduled on the lawsuit on October 1 in New York Federal Court.

Last month a federal judge in Midland, Texas granted summary judgment in favor of the Plaintiffs that vacates the Fish Wildlife Service final rule listing the Lesser Prairie Chicken as a threatened species.

The AHCD men are treating the Hudson area with copper sulfate to kill the moss and algae growth. We will also be spraying salt cedars this month when the salt cedars go into full bloom.

The National Water Resource Association will be held this year in Denver on November 4-6, 2015.

Director Lopez asked that if a sprinkler will cross a ditch, should the landowner contact Arch Hurley. Manager McCasland stated that the landowner should submit a design for the crossing to him and it will need Board approval.

**REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION
AND WATER ALLOCATION**

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is 4184.0. Director Box made the motion that no additional water be allocated at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “ABSENT”

SET IRRIGATION WATER TURN OFF BY DATE AND BY CFS RELEASE

Director Lopez made the motion to set the turn-off date as October 31, 2015, and the cfs at below 30 for 3 days, whichever comes first. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 3-0. This item will be addressed at the meeting in October.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “ABSENT”

**DISCUSS THE ISC MEETING AND OSE APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE
WATER BELOW UTE LAKE**

Manager McCasland stated an ISC Meeting will be held in Tucumcari on September 28. The ISC plan to go into executive session and meet with the protesters. The regular meeting will be held after executive session. A thank you note will be written to Senator Pat Woods and Representative Dennis Roch expressing our appreciation for their efforts in this matter.

APPROVAL OF THE 2015 AHCD AUDIT BY CPA SANDRA RUSH

Director Box made the motion that the 2015 audit for Arch Hurley be performed by Sandra Rush. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. This is the 3rd year of the 3-year contract. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “ABSENT”

AHCD CAPITAL OUTLAY ACQUISITIONS/EXPENDITURES

Director Box made the motion to purchase two vehicles under the state contract with the capital outlay money. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 3-0. The contract and grant agreements aren't ready yet per e-mail dated 9/2/15 from Ruth Lommel of DFA.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “ABSENT”

REVIEW OF THE BOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT FOR 2015

The BOR examined Arch Hurley on April 22, 2015. There were four finding for 2015. The findings were cosmetic in nature, none were dealing with structure. The findings will be addressed and be reported to BOR. The next inspection will be in 2021.

REVIEW OF IRRIGATION LEADER SURVEY FOR IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Director Box made the motion to participate in the Irrigation Leader survey. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “ABSENT”

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

There were no comments from the directors.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Box made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “ABSENT”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “ABSENT”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Vice President Phillip M. Box

