

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

**Tuesday, October 14, 2015**

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

**Directors/Staff  
Absent:**

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

**Guests Present:** Jimmy Speed, Debra Mitchell, John Gilbertson and Margaret  
Horner-Young

**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 9:03 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  
September 8, 2015**

Director Box made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley  
Conservancy District's September 8, 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”

## **CANVAS PRECINCT 2 AND 3 ELECTION RESULTS AND APPROVE ELECTION TOTALS**

Secretary Henson stated that there was a light turn out for the election. He reported that in Precinct 2 Phillip Box received 2,794 votes and Debra Mitchell received 2,984. In Precinct 3 J.D. McEwen received 270 votes and John C. Griffiths received 2,406 votes. Director Box made the motion to accept the tally sheet totals for the election held October 13, 2015. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. 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 4,183.4 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,179.5 feet. Conchas Lake received 2,644 acre feet of inflow for the month of September and Diversions for AHCD was 8,239 acre feet.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Builders Trust arrived and conducted a safety inspection of Arch Hurley’s equipment yard. There were no problems found in or around the shop.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the ditch rider in G Unit hit a deer in the early morning hours. There was damage to the grill and headlight assembly. We will do the repairs on this vehicle this winter.

The maintenance men have been working on the main canal roads and treating woody vegetation from Conchas Lake to the County Line Check. They are also checking the anti-freeze in all of our equipment preparing for winter weather.

I attended the 60<sup>th</sup> annual New Mexico water conference in Taos this month. John Romero from the OSE spoke on the focus of 7 water basins that they were going to focus on for 2016. The Canadian Water Basin was not on their list. There was a presentation on dormant stem herbicide applications for winter treating woody vegetation including mesquites. AHCD will conduct some trial test on the recommended herbicide mix rates.

The maintenance service pickup motor has lost compression on one cylinder. It will need to be rebuilt or replaced in the near future.

AHCD would like to explore the ability to accept credit or debit cards for any payments to the district from constituents. There are two companies that provide this service for governmental entities. The constituents pay for any transaction fees.

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

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is 4183.4. Director Lopez made the motion that no additional water be allocated at this time. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **SET IRRIGATION WATER TURN OFF BY DATE AND BY CFS RELEASE**

It was the board’s decision that Manager McCasland will have the discretion to take all factors in consideration if water is to be turned off before October 31. The latest the water will be released will be October 31, 2015.

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

Manager McCasland stated that he attended a mediation hearing in Albuquerque to discuss the OSE application. There have been some changes proposed, however those changes have to be approved by all protesters before it can become a public document. Manager McCasland will keep directors advised of any progress.

### **APPROVE AHCD THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT TO DFA**

Director Henson made the motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report to DFA. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial statements was reviewed by the directors also.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

## **AHCD RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM CONCERNED CONSTITUENTS REGARDING BOR TITLE TRANSFER**

Director Box stated that Congressmen have received letters from Arch Hurley constituents opposing title transfer. Congressmen will not confront this issue until Arch Hurley, as a whole, is in favor of title transfer. If there are any constituents that have questions regarding transfer, please contact a director and have your concerns addressed.

### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

John Gilbertson stated that if the Board doesn't know what the concerns of the constituents are about title transfer and debt forgiveness, they haven't been listening. He would like to know one good reason why anyone would be in favor of title transfer and debt forgiveness.

### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Phillip Box attended the Quay County Work Ready Community Project Meeting on October 5. The goal of this project is to build a workforce in Quay County that is ready to go to work and/or improve the skills of present employees. By November 2106, ten employers will be signed up and completed 200 individual tests. On the testing there are four different levels of certification that an individual can achieve. There are two ways for employers to participate in this program. 1. Be a supporter. 2. Be a participant. This program has submitted for a USDA grant for funding.

President Larry Perkins wanted to tell the out-going board members how much they were appreciated during the last four years. Their efforts and dedication have been evident in the term they each served.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Lopez made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 10:07 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Box made the motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 10:58 a.m. President Perkins stated that only threatened or pending litigation and limited personnel matters was discussed. There was no action from executive session.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

### **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

Director Lopez made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Box. 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 11:02 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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President Larry Perkins

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary UV Henson

