

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

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

**Directors Present:** President Larry Perkins, Vice President Robert Lopez,  
Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson, Director John Griffiths and  
Director Debra Mitchell

**Directors/Staff  
Absent:**

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

**Guests Present:** Jimmy Speed, George Evetts, Phillip Box, Margaret Horner-  
Young, Jason Lamb of Extension Office 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 9:00 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  
JANUARY 12, 2016**

Director Lopez made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley  
Conservancy District's January 12, 2016, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by  
Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell– “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson –“YES”

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4,186.58 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,177.23 feet. Conchas Lake received 2,421 acre feet of inflow for the month of January. Evaporation and other losses were 98 acre feet.

On January 14, Phillip Box, Debra Mitchell, Larry Perkins, UV Henson and I met with the BOR in Albuquerque to discuss the Renewable Energy Project. Randy Rust and Ken Rice from the BOR will here on February 18<sup>th</sup> to view the proposed site.

On January 19, ASCO out of Amarillo repaired the oil seal on the main drive hub of the long reach excavator. They also looked at the hydraulic problem with the XL3100 Gradall. They requested that we transport it to their shop for repairs.

On January 25, we found the front window busted out of the long reach. The sheriffs' department was called and a report taken. The cost to replace is \$250-\$300 dollars.

On February 29, there will be a Northeast Regional water meeting at the Tucumcari Convention Center starting at 1:30pm. This will be the first of three meetings that will be held before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

As most everyone knows the state's revenue is down from the projected budget. Capital Outlay looks like each member of the House of Representatives will receive \$585,000 and the Senate members will receive \$986,000 to allocate throughout their district.

The men will start burning canals and laterals this week as the weather allows. They have completed cement ditch repairs on the Wharton, Benson and Lawson

On February 8, the 2016 assessments were mailed to all Class A landowners.

## **REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION**

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of the lake is 4186.58.

### **ALLOCATION OF IRRIGATION WATER FOR THE START OF 2016 SEASON**

Director Lopez made the motion to approve an allocation of 12”. The water will be turned-on when orders reach 40 cfs and the tentative turn-off will be when the orders fall below 30 cfs and turn off is at the manager’s discretion taking into account factors such as weather forecasts, rainfall received, etc. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell– “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson –“YES”

### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-001 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER DFA REPORT**

Director Griffiths made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-001. This resolution states the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report has been reviewed and approved for accuracy of beginning balances on the next calendar year budget. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell– “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson –“YES”

### **BOR TRAINING COURSE FOR DITCHRIDERS ON APRIL 18**

The training course for the ditchriders will be held April 18 at the BOR Office in Albuquerque. Manager McCasland informed Michael Sanchez that AHCD would not be able to attend because probably the irrigation season will have started by then. Our hopes would be that the training course for 2017 will be offered earlier in the year.

### **MEETING WITH BOR DURING THE THIRD WEEK OF FEBRUARY**

The meeting with the BOR has been scheduled for February 18 and if that date has to be rescheduled it will be March 8. BOR wants to visit the proposed site for the solar/wind project site.

### **UPDATE OF THE BOR MEETING ON JANUARY 14**

On January 14, UV Henson, Debra Mitchell, Larry Perkins, Phillip Box and Franklin McCasland attended a meeting with Randy Rust, Jennifer Faler, Brent Rhees and 2 more BOR representatives. With this solar/wind project, Arch Hurley proposed using the revenues on improving AHCD infrastructure. The dilemma is the Contract, which states the money would have to be applied to the back end of the note. The BOR representatives stated they would do their best to have an answer for AHCD in 30 days. The AHCD representatives are optimistic that the BOR will find an outcome that will work for both parties.

### **REVIEW OF AHCD 2015 FINANCES AFTER CLOSING**

Manager McCasland reviewed expenditures and revenues for Arch Hurley for 2015. The majority of AHCD's revenue comes from assessments for Class "A" land and ad valorem collected on Class "B" land. The budget for all three funds for 2015 was \$1,554,000. It was noted that on the bigger revenue generating items of assessments and water sales, they fell short of the budgeted amount. It was brought up by Director Henson that no money was taken from AHCD reserves in 2015. Manager McCasland asked the directors to look at the ISC statement. It has a balance of 110K. The possibility of using that ISC money to purchase equipment will be pursued.

### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

Jason Lamb of the Quay County Agent distributed two handouts on up-coming programs. On Wednesday, March 9, will be Resilience in New Mexico Agriculture Regional Meeting. It will start at 9am and be held at Tucumcari Convention Center. The discussion will be on best ideas for ensuring a robust food and agriculture system in NM. On Wednesday, March 30, will be Second Annual Quay County Weed Management Workshop. It will start 8 am at Tucumcari Convention Center. There will be six speakers covering weed management using fire, on CRP land, in hay, poisoning livestock, common weeds in Quay County and managing brush. Mr. Lamb asked that if anyone had topics for a future workshop, please contact him.

George Evetts expressed his concern over water. The research of the National Weather Bureau has expressed a good chance of the return of La Nina in western US this fall.

### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

President Perkins stated that it is good the ditchriders are preparing the system for the 2016 water season. The work will include burning and cleaning the canals. He wanted the ditchriders to inform the farmers of the 12" water allocation from this board meeting and that allocation will be reviewed on up-coming meetings.

Director Henson asked about the collecting of the delinquent assessments. Manager McCasland stated that most have been collected.

### **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Griffiths. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell– “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson –“YES”

### **ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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