

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

Tuesday, March 8, 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, Kenton Perkins, Phillip Box and Pablo Lopez.
Daniel Martinez, Steve Peterson and Roberta Ball of USACE,
Russell Braziel of KTNM and Steve Acheampong of Office of
State Engineer District VII.

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 Phillip Box.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

Director Henson made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley
Conservancy District's February 9, 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 4,186.65 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,177.2 feet. Conchas Lake received 2,719 acre feet of inflow for the month of February. Evaporation and other losses were 158 acre feet.

On February 18, Phillip Box, Debra Mitchell, Larry Perkins, Robert Lopez and I met with Randy Rust and Ken Rice from the BOR here in Tucumcari to view the Renewable Energy proposed site.

On February 10, I attended a meeting at the Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG) office in Clovis. There was a presentation from the New Mexico Finance Authority regarding the state's Public Project Revolving Fund program that is available to all state entities. There was also an update on the last legislative session and informed the group that an ICIP workshop will be held in Tucumcari on May 18th.

On February 19th, we were informed by EPCOG that the State was sweeping previous years of uncommitted Capital Outlay from governmental entities. We explained to EPCOG that AHCD had just received our executed grant agreement from DFA in January of 2016. It was recommended that AHCD get a Notice of Obligation of these funds to DFA as soon as possible. This has been completed and that Capital Outlay is now committed.

On February 29, Debra Mitchell and I attended the ISC Regional Water Planning meeting. The next meeting will be at April 4th at 1:30 at the Tucumcari Convention Center.

In the board packet you will see a letter from DFA approving AHCD 2016 budget.

The men have completed burning A & B Units and are close to finishing C Unit and on windy days they are working on building up the checks in the main canal and completing repairs on laterals.

USACE UPDATE FROM ROBERTA BALL AND STEVE PETERSON

Ms. Ball gave a power point presentation of the future outlook of water coming into Conchas Lake. Within her presentation, the figures given were averages from 1940 to 2015. A new elevation area capacity table is being compiled. The capacity numbers are down because of the sediment in the lake. Some of the forecasts are that during the months of March to May, the temperatures will be colder than average and in the same time frame precipitation will be wetter than normal. The charts showed that Conchas Lake receives on average more inflow from rainfall than snowpack. The presentation was packed with information, and Ms. Ball stated that if anyone had questions to contact her.

Steve Peterson stated that they are working on the headworks, metal trusses where the pumps are stationed, calibrating measuring devices and replaced staff guage at tunnel. The annual inspection was completed and everything looked good.

REVIEW OF CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION AND ALLOCATION

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is 4186.65. Director Lopez made the motion to not allocate any water at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Griffiths. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

ISC REGIONAL WATER PLANNING, PROJECTS AND POLICIES

Director Griffiths made the motion to accept the ISC Regional Water Plan as written. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR 2015 AND 2016

Manager McCasland stated that the Capital Outlay for 2015 will be spent on 2 vehicles. The cost of the 2 pick-ups is approximately \$56K and AHCD will receive \$50K. The amount of the Capital Outlay for 2016 isn't certain. Governor Martinez has the power to line item veto and AHCD will know the outcome of that process on Thursday, March 10.

NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY PUBLIC PROJECT REVOLVING FUND

Within the board packet is a brochure about NM Finance Authority. The part that pertains to AHCD is the disadvantaged entity funding. There is funding available for infrastructure and funding available for equipment. The money would be a loan at 2% or 0% interest and up to 10 years to be repaid. Because of the median household income of Quay County, AHCD qualifies for the 0% interest.

UPDATE OF THE BOR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18

A meeting was held on February 18. In attendance was Manager McCasland, Directors Larry Perkins, Robert Lopez and Debra Mitchell, Randy Rust and Ken Rice of BOR and Phillip Box. The Renewable Energy Project that is proposed for this section of land, if completed, could provide revenue for AHCD. However, the BOR contract states the money would have to be applied to the back end of the note. AHCD would like to receive 90% to 95% of the revenues to be used on maintenance and conservation efforts within the District. Manager McCasland will follow-up on this issue with the BOR in about 30 days.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Steve Acheampong from the State Engineer’s Office District VII was present. He wanted to inform everyone that he comes to Tucumcari the last Tuesday of each month. You can find him at the Court House.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Henson asked about the progress of AHCD using debit/credit cards. Manager McCasland explained that the County Treasurer has 3 companies that can provide this service. When she meets with them, AHCD will attend also.

Director Mitchell asked if any of the ditchriders will be able to attend the training in Albuquerque. Manager McCasland stated probably not.

President Perkins wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming meetings. On March 9, Resilience in NM Agriculture at 9am. On March 30, Quay County Weed Management Workshop at 8am. Both will be held at the Tucumcari Convention Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Lopez made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Griffiths. Motion carried 5-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 10:30 a.m.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Griffiths 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 11:05 a.m. President Perkins stated that no action will be taken and only limited personnel matters were discussed.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

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 11:06 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

