

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

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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

Absent:

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

Guests Present: Phillip Box and Jason Lamb of County Extension Service

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
September 13, 2016**

Director Mitchell made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's September 13, 2016, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Griffiths. 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 4,175.9 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,182.8 feet. Conchas Lake received 8,319 acre feet of inflow for the month of September. Evaporation and other losses were 2,980 acre feet. The diversions for AHCD this month was 9,573 acre feet from Conchas Lake. Inflow into Conchas year to date is 32.639 acre feet. We are delivering 48.5 cfs of irrigation water today.

On September 14, Builders Trust conducted a safety inspection of the maintenance shop and property. There was no safety issues identified that needed to be addressed.

I purchased a used wheel balance machine from NAPA this month. It came from the NAPA Auto Car Care Center that recently changed hands. It was costing us \$10-\$12 per tire to have this done plus the employees wait time.

On September 27, the maintenance department applied bentonite into the canal above check 25. It's too early to tell now if that application worked.

The copy machine was serviced this month. The service man warned us that the copier is over 10 years old and replacement parts are getting harder to find.

The ditch riders are making a list of repairs that need to be made on the delivery system after the irrigation season is over. The maintenance men are checking anti-freeze in all of our vehicles and heavy equipment.

We are still plagued with vehicle breakdowns. This month we have had an engine lose compression on two cylinders, a transmission and rear-end fail. A replacement rear-end was found in a auto salvage yard and that vehicle is back in service. We are looking for a replacement transmission. We will repair the engine ourselves this winter. Last week, I acquired a 2001 Ford F-150 from state surplus last week. We are working on license and insurance to put it in service.

REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION AND WATER ALLOCATION

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is 4175.9. Director Lopez made the motion that no additional water be allocated 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”

OVERVIEW OF MONTHLY WATER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Manager McCasland explained each of the 4 charts. The first chart was information on selling, carryover and diverting in each of the units and total. The second chart was total release and percentage of release. The third chart was inflow per month and the fourth chart was lake elevation by month.

UPDATE FROM PHILLIP BOX REGARDING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

Phillip Box explained recent correspondences with Randy Rust of BOR. It appears the Renewable Energy Project will not go forward. BLM is in charge of the 640 acres where this project was to be located. This land is not listed on the disposal list, has sub-surface minerals that are retained by the State of NM and the playa contained inside that parcel is shown as a sensitive area according to BLM's resource mapping. Pre. Perkins wanted to thank Mr. Box for his time and effort in delving into this project.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AUDITOR'S PROPOSALS FOR AHCD

Manager McCasland stated that letters requesting a bid proposal for AHCD audit 2016-2018 were mailed September 8. Two proposals were received. Director Henson made the motion to accept the proposal of Dan Austin, CPA. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – "YES"
Mitchell – "YES"

Griffiths – "YES"

Lopez – "YES"
Henson – "YES"

APPROVE DFA THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL

Director Mitchell made the motion to approve the 3rd quarter financial report to DFA. The motion was seconded by Director Griffiths. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – "YES"
Mitchell – "YES"

Griffiths – "YES"

Lopez – "YES"
Henson – "YES"

UPDATE ON 2016 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING

AHCD was awarded \$80K in capital outlay for 2016. Arch Hurley was informed that the bonds would be sold and we would receive the grant agreement. This hasn't happened. Arch Hurley staff was then informed by Steven Lacy that the bonds would be sold in December. A memo was received from Duffy Rodriguez, Cabinet Secretary Designate,

which states that “effective immediately, all executive branch state agencies are directed to freeze capital outlay projects that have no activity...”

VISITOR COMMENTS

Jason Lamb informed everyone of up-coming workshops for private applicators. One workshop has a tentative date of Nov. 30 which will address the sugar cane aphid. The sugar cane aphid has been spotted on crops on 11-Mile Road. Mr. Lamb stated that the potential for infestation to be twice as bad next year and yields next year to be cut in half. There will be a drought workshop on Oct. 25 in Las Cruces about weather patterns for next couple of years.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Larry Perkins wanted constituents in each unit to speak with their ditch rider and convey any areas that are in need a repair or work to be done during the winter months.

Director John Griffiths asked if a motor was found for the grader. Manager McCasland said that a motor hasn’t been found.

Director UV Henson asked about the bill from Sandra Rush.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Henson made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. 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 10:15 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

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President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

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