

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

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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: Phillip Box and Paul Estrada

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 Phillip Box.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2017**

Director Mitchell made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley
Conservancy District's January 10, 2017, 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 4,175.0 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,186.5 feet. Conchas Lake received 2,918 acre feet of inflow for the month of January and evaporation and other losses were 1,321 acre feet.

As of February 1, 2017, The Canadian River Basin forecasts for the March to June time period have all increased over the past month. The forecast for the Vermejo River near Dawson has increased by 74 percent to 136 percent of the average. The forecast for the Cimarron River near Cimarron has also increased 53 percent, and is now at 133 percent of the average. The Conchas Reservoir Inflow is also up by 60 percent to 133 percent of the average. Monthly precipitation for January in the basin was 215 percent of the average! Due to a wet January water year-to-date precipitation in the Canadian River Basin has increased to 106 percent of the average as compared to 126 percent at this time last year. Snowpack in the basin is currently 148 percent of the median. This is an increase of 51 percent from last month, and an increase of 26 percent from last February. As of today, Conchas Lake current capacity is 135,157 acre feet with only 52,221 acre feet available for AHCD diversion. Last year at this same time there was 199,520 acre foot of water in Conchas Lake with 116,566 acre feet available for diversion.

The men are installing the new fire pump and engine on our backup water truck that we use during the burn season. We also had to purchase a new set of tires for this unit.

The information required from DFA to approve AHCD 2017 budget has been sent to Santa Fe. Donna has been inquiring as to see why we have not received AHCD letter of budget approval.

The State of New Mexico has directed all agencies to freeze all capital outlay that have no activity, excluding projects authorized in 2016. No activity means: No notice of obligation in place to encumber any of the project funding; and No encumbrances or expenditures as of January 23, 2017.

The men are repairing the pop off slide gates between check 5 & 6 and between checks 6 & 7. The pop off next to the Galvan place was an issue last year under high irrigation water demands. They have also been working on maintenance repairs throughout the project.

Manager McCasland showed pictures of the completed and on-going work throughout the District. The pictures were of ditch repairs, weed racks, replacing damaged culverts and dirt work on roads next to the canal.

REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of the lake is 4175.0. Director Lopez made the motion that no 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”

ELECTRONIC BOARD PACKETS VS. PAPER BOARD PACKETS

Director Lopez made the motion for Manager McCasland to check thru different vendors and try to negotiate on the price and equipment. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell– “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

UPDATE ON HB-104 AND HB-174 “LOCAL ELECTION ACT”

Manager McCasland has been attending committee meetings in Santa Fe pertaining to HB-104 and HB-174. He has met with Representative Paul C. Bandy and Senator Daniel Ivey Soto. The legislature instructed them to combine the two bills. Manager McCasland explained how this bill will affect Arch Hurley’s elections. Manager McCasland will continue to watch this bill and attend committee meetings that pertain to this bill.

UPDATE ON 2016 AUDIT

Office Manager Donna Lafferty informed the directors that Auditor Dan Austin came to the district office on Friday, February 10. His plans are to scan the documents he had requested. Arch Hurley office staff will scan and e-mail the documents he requests.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Phillip Box wanted to thank Manager McCasland for keeping track of HB 104 and HB 174. Through his efforts, legislators in Santa Fe know who he is and they know how these two bills will affect Arch Hurley.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

President Perkins stated that it is good to see all the work being done in the off-water season. The repairs that are being done now will improve water delivery. Burning weeds will start in the future.

Director UV Henson commented that the letter to the legislators addressed Arch Hurley's concerns and position of the proposed legislation. Manager McCasland wanted to thank the office staff, Tina Garcia and Michelle Jaynes, for the time and effort to document how many landowners in the District the "Local Election Act" would affect.

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 11:10 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 Henson. Motion carried 5-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 11:30 a.m. President Perkins stated that only threatened or pending litigation and limited personnel matters were discussed. There was no action from executive session.

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 Lopez. 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 11:34 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

