

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

Tuesday, March 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, Phil Bidegain, David Peacock, Donnie Bidegain, Zac
Murray and Jason Lamb of Quay 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 9:09 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 Donnie Bidegain

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

Director Mitchell made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley
Conservancy District's February 14, 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 4,174.8 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,186.6 feet. Conchas Lake received 1,595 acre feet of inflow for the month of February and evaporation and other losses were 1,212 acre feet.

The month of February facilitated a decrease in snowpack values across all basins in the state. Since the beginning of February overall statewide snowpack has dropped by 39 percent to 102 percent of the median. The Canadian also dropped by 51 percent to 97 percent of the median. We saw a decrease of 51 percent of our Canadian snowpack last month, Conchas Lake current capacity is 29% with 16% of that available for AHCD diversion, last year at this time we were at 55% of capacity, and I do not anticipate any inflow into Conchas Lake this spring from snowpack.

The men have serviced all of the burn and water trucks that we use during the burn season. They have started burning in A Unit. The recent high winds have filled more canals and laterals with weeds. The men have been advised to burn with extreme caution keeping the recent panhandle fires in mind.

On February 17, DFA approved AHCD 2017 budget. Manoj Shaw is our new budget analyst from DFA. Last week Donna reminded me that it's time to start thinking about preparing AHCD's 2018 budget and working on the scheduled fall board elections.

The staff has mailed the 2017 assessments and Michelle Jaynes is working with landowners on RRA forms.

The BOR has informed us that they will arrive on April 25th, 2017 to complete the water district review of all RRA files from 2013-2017. I anticipate that they will be here most of that week.

The maintenance men are cleaning cement laterals in the lower part of the Hudson Canal to try and reduce the moss problems that we have had in past irrigation seasons. They have also cleaned a large amount of the sediment and cattails on the Bugg Lateral.

The past month, I have met and spoke with several crop insurance representatives and attended one of the community crop insurance meetings. There was lots of good information received at the meetings.

AHCD worked with the USACE at the outlet works of Conchas Lake to complete these structural repairs that were identified during their inspections. AHCD has two days of custom work that has been requested by USACE.

REVIEW OF CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION AND ALLOCATION

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is 4174.8. Director Lopez made the motion to allocate 4” at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Griffiths. Motion carried 5-0. Water will turn on when 40 cfs of valid water orders is received.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

APPROVE CAPITAL OUTLAY GRANT AGREEMENT #16-A2463

Director Griffiths made the motion to approve the Capital Outlay Grant #16-A2463 for \$80K. 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-174, LOCAL ELECTION ACT

HB-174 passed in the House. HB-40 was added to HB-174. HB-40 pertains to the percentage required for a recall. Manager McCasland stated that the Senate’s agenda isn’t posted on the web. He might need to go to Santa Fe for a Wednesday or Friday hearing. The legislature closes a midnight on the 17th.

BOR INSPECTION OF AHCD SIPHONS

AHCD received an e-mail from Randy Rust of BOR wanting to know if we wanted to schedule a siphon inspection. Manager McCasland stated to him that we didn’t. He stated that we are burning weeds and we wouldn’t have time to get any siphons ready. The 2017 irrigation season will start soon.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A WHEELED LOADER ON STATE
CONTRACT #30-000-13-00053 AFTER GRANT AGREEMENT IS SIGNED
AND APPROVED BY DFA**

Director Griffiths made the motion to buy a Case wheeled loader on state contract. #30-000-13-00053. Payment on the loader will be \$80,000.00 from Grant 16-A2463 in the K fund. The balance will come from the ISC account. The motion also gave Manager McCasland the authority to initiate the purchase. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

VISITOR COMMENTS

Jason Lamb of the Quay County Extension Service wanted to inform everyone of an upcoming Weed Management Workshop. The workshop will be on April 5, 2017, at the Convention Center starting at 8 am. Please RSVP by calling 461-0562 before March 25.

Phil Bidegain wanted to express his appreciation for the Board for their service. They are doing a good job.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

President Perkins wanted to thank the ditchriders for using diligence while burning because of the fire danger in this area. With the recent winds, weeds are a problem and the system will require flushing.

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 10:38 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 Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 11:11 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”

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AHCD PERSONNEL POLICY #508

Director Lopez made a motion to approve the amendment to AHCD Personnel Policy #508. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Mitchell made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. 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 11:17 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Larry Perkins

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

