

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

**Tuesday, August 8, 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, Office Manager Donna  
Lafferty and Maintenance Supervisor Craig Hoffman

**Guests Present:** Phillip Box, Donald Adams, Jason Lamb of Quay County  
Extension Office and Jeff Strom and Steve Morgan of Big Mesa

**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 President Larry Perkins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
July 11, 2017**

Director Lopez made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley  
Conservancy District's July 11, 2017, 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 4,173.6 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,179.25 feet. Conchas Lake received 2,545 acre feet of inflow for the month of July and evaporation and other losses were 3,795 acre feet.

AHCD diversions from Conchas Lake for July were 9,559 acre feet. Conchas Lake has received 32,268 acre feet year to date of inflow. Last year at this time Conchas Lake had received 20,989 acre feet.

July 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm was the deadline for petitions to be turned into the AHCD office to be a candidate for the upcoming AHCD board elections. There was only one petition for each of the two districts. Therefore no election will be held.

On August 8, the Tucumcari Agricultural Science Center will be hosting their annual field day. The evening program and dinner will begin at 4:30.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator Tom Udall’s office is hosting a forum regarding the federal crop insurance program in Roswell. They would like a couple of producers that currently participate in the crop insurance program from this area to attend.

AHCD’s workers compensation experience mod for 2018 is .81. This will keep our workers comp. premiums reasonable through 2018.

There will be a large amount of wheat planted in the project this fall. The majority of the prevent plant land will be planted to wheat as well as the normal wheat ground.

## **REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION, WATER ALLOCATION**

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is 4173.6. Director Lopez made the motion to not allocate any additional water at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

**SET IRRIGATION WATER RELEASE DATE TURN OFF  
BY CFS OR DATE**

Director Griffiths made the motion to have the cutoff date for the 2017 water season be October 31, 2017, or when the orders fall below 30 cfs for 3 days in October. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

**DONALD ADAMS, IRRIGATION WATER CONCERNS**

Mr. Adams expressed his concerns about a neighbor who irrigated his field for 24 hours, shut off and then opened his gate to allow carry water to flow on his field. That carry water was actually ordered water of Mr. Adams and by the actions of this neighbor some of Mr. Adams’ tubes stopped. The Board informed Mr. Adams that they were aware of this problem.

**APPROVE AHCD 2ND QUARTER FINANCIALS TO DFA**

Director Griffiths made the motion to accept the 2nd quarter financials. Within the paperwork was the approval of the second quarter by DFA. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

**REQUEST TO RELINQUISH WATER RIGHTS**

Director Griffiths made the motion to deny the request to relinquish water rights of 64.4 acres. A letter will be written to inform landowner of Board’s decision. 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 BOARD ELECTIONS**

Manager McCasland stated that 2 petitions were received by the deadline of July 28, 2017. There was one petition for each position, therefore there will not be an election. There will be a “Notice of No Election” in the legal section of the Quay County Sun.

## **VISITOR COMMENTS**

Jeff Strom of Big Mesa asked how many accounts (land holders), how many acres are in the District and how many acres are in cultivation? He was given answers of 650, 41,300 acres and all the land has been in cultivation at one time or another. It is understood that AHCD is working with 1940’s technology when it comes to the water delivery system, but it is on Big Mesa and AHCD minds to cut down on losses wherever possible.

Steve Morgan of Big Mesa appreciates Manager McCasland being accessible and advising the Big Mesa Board. He stated that Big Mesa received a Pre-engineering grant and has hired a new manager that has 25 years of experience and a Level 4 certification.

Quay County Agent Jason Lamb wanted to remind everyone that the fair starts next week and asked if anyone has seen sugar cane aphids.

## **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Griffiths stated that the moss is back in the ditches in his area.

Director Henson asked how the new chemical application is working. Manager McCasland stated that if it comes back, will go back to using glyphosate.

Director UV Henson participated in the Senior Olympics that were held in Albuquerque. He earned 9 gold medals. Congratulations to Mr. Henson for a good job!

## **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 10:22 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

