

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

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

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

**Directors/Staff  
Absent:**

**Staff Present:** District Manager Franklin McCasland and Office Manager Theresa  
Lafferty

**Guests Present:** Phillip Box

**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 Lopez called this meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the District Office.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Robert Lopez and the Invocation was  
given by Vice President Larry Perkins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2021**

Director Mitchell made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley  
Conservancy District’s January 12, 2021, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by  
Director Henson. 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 4,159.9 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,175.0 feet. Conchas Lake received 298 acre feet of inflow for the month of January. The evaporation and other losses were 1,227 acre feet.

The maintenance department has repaired the track on the John Deere 210G Excavator. The track on the International TD-15 Dozer was split to repair the grease tension cylinder. It will be back in service this week. Also, the Champion Road grader is repaired and back at the shop.

AHCD had two CD`s at Tucumcari Federal Savings and Loan, one for \$15K and the other CD was for \$10K. Theresa deposited these funds into our Aim Bank account. This brings the total to \$225K for cashed in CDs that has been deposited into our operating account. I spoke with our auditor Dan Austin CPA, regarding the problem of financial intuitions not wanting our CD deposits. Dan acknowledged our concern and said, “Everyone he works with is having the same problem.”

AHCD received reimbursement on the 2020 Capital Outlay funding that was used to purchase the John Deere Backhoe.

In the Board`s packet is a copy of the governor`s Executive Order 2020-084. This is a Drought Declaration. Hopefully this will help provide some assistance to our farming and ranching community.

## **REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION**

Manager McCasland reported the elevation of Conchas Lake is currently at 4,159.9 feet.

## **UPDATE ON 2021 WORKERS COMP INSURANCE**

Manager McCasland reported AHCD`s 2021-2022 Workers Comp policy was renewed. The carrier is still with Builders Trust of New Mexico and the yearly premium had decreased from last year.

**FFCRA DEADLINE EXTENSION WITH NOTIFICATION  
TO AHCD EMPLOYEES**

Director Perkins made the motion to extend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act expiration date until April 1, 2021. This will provide enough time for employees to receive vaccinations. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0. AHCD employees will be notified by letter regarding the changes to FFCRA.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

**ZOOM PRESENTATION WITH FARM BUREAU REGARDING  
INVESTMENTS**

The board viewed a zoom presentation from Gabriel Moya with Farm Bureau Financial Services. Mr. Moya, provided information regarding different annuity policies they offer.

Following the presentation, Director Henson made the motion to invest \$225,000 in a 4-year annuity with Farm Bureau Financial Services. The motion was seconded by Director Perkins. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

**DFA APPROVAL ON 2021 BUDGET**

We received an email stating AHCD’s final budget for calendar year 2021 has been approved by DFA.

**BOR RO&M INSPECTION ON FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

Manager McCasland provided the board with a copy of the Bureau’s last inspection report which was done in 2015. The Bureau of Reclamation will be here on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to conducted their RO&M district inspection.

### **UPDATE ON HOUSE BILL 110**

Manager McCasland provided the board with a copy of HB-110 regarding the increase to minimum wage.

### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

No comments.

### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

No comments.

### **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 10:00 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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President Robert Lopez

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson