

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

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

**Directors Present:** President Robert Lopez, Vice President Larry Perkins,  
Secretary/Treasurer Debra Mitchell, and Director Jason Box.

**Directors/Staff**

**Absent:** Director John Griffiths

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

**Guests Present:** Ron Warnick

**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 9:03 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 Director Perkins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
January 10, 2023**

Director Perkins made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District’s January 10, 2023, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “ABSENT”

Lopez – “YES”  
Box – “YES”

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4,162.6 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,161.3 feet. Conchas Lake received 462 acre-feet of inflow for the month of January. The evaporation and other losses were 625 acre-feet.

On February 3, The BOR held a zoom meeting to discuss the tunnel air testing and entry requirements to inspect the five tunnels in the AHCD project. The dates planned for this inspection have been moved to September 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The John Deere LC 200 excavator track chain, rollers, and sprockets have been replaced and is back in service. These repairs came in at \$13,590 less than our in-house labor costs. Craig has ordered some pins and bushings for the Hyundai long-reach excavator that has excessive wear.

The maintenance department is still removing sediment from the canal on T-4. They are also applying some bentonite in a few sandy areas of the canal. The water department crew has started burning some of the canals and laterals as the wind and weather permit. We are looking at other methods of burning ditches other than propane. The radial gate on T-4 has been completely rebuilt and painted, and new music note gaskets installed and is back in service.

To date, a total of 725 bills have been introduced, 353 in the house of Representatives and 372 in the Senate.

### House and Senate Bills of Interest to AHCD

**House Bill 25, Minimum Wage & Indexing Act**, House Bill 25 would increase the minimum wage rate from \$12 hourly to \$16 hourly beginning on January 1, 2024, and indexes wage rates and tipped worker wage rates to the consumer price index for urban consumers (CPI-U) starting January 1, 2025, and each year thereafter. Indexed wage rates would not decrease in the case of CPI decreases. Each year on November 1st Workforce Solutions Department would post on its website indexed minimum wage rates for the following January. The bill was heard by the House Labor and Veterans Committee on January 26 which passed a committee substitute for the bill by a vote of 6-4. The committee substitute raises the minimum wage to \$13.50 effective January 1, 2024, and to \$15.50 effective January 1, 2025, and ties future increases to the CPI in following years. The bill will now be heard by the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee. The bill has considerable opposition in the service industry business community. The financial impact on the AHCD budget is \$50,000 to \$60,000 for every dollar increase in the minimum wage. The bill's estimated impact on Class A assessments will be \$1.00 to \$1.25 per acre for every dollar increase in the minimum wage.

**MANAGER’S REPORT (continued)**

**House Bill 28, Annual Minimum Wage Cost of Living Increase**, House Bill 28 sets the minimum wage at \$12.00 hourly starting January 1, 2024, and follows the consumer price index for urban consumers starting January 1, 2025, and each year thereafter.

**Senate Bill 335 Local Election Act**, Senate Bill 335 is related to the Local Election Act. Delaying until 2025 the implementation of the local Election Act as applied to districts created pursuant to the Conservancy Act, this bill has been referred to SRC/SJC. The bill passed the SRC and moves to the SJC. This bill has an emergency clause attached to it and is supported by N.M. SOS and N.M. County Clerks. To date, there is no legislation introduced to resolve the Conservancy Districts elections and the Local Election Act.

**REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION**

Manager McCasland reported the current elevation of Conchas Lake is 4,162.6 feet.

**APPROVE RESOLUTION #2023-003 CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION  
RESOLUTION**

Director Mitchell made the motion to approve Resolution#2023-003 Corporate Authorization Resolution. The motion was seconded by Director Perkins. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “ABSENT”

Lopez – “YES”  
Box – “YES”

**APPROVE RESOLUTION #2023-004 AHCD BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S  
PERSONAL INTEREST DISCLOSURE RESOLUTION**

Director Perkins made the motion to approve Resolution#2023-004 AHCD Board of Directors’ Personal Interest Disclosure. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “ABSENT”

Lopez – “YES”  
Box – “YES”

### **APPROVE 2023 CUSTOM WORK EQUIPMENT PRICES**

Director Perkins made the motion to approve a \$15.00 per hour increase to the current custom work prices. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “ABSENT”

Lopez – “YES”  
Box – “YES”

### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

None.

### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

None.

### **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

Director Mitchell made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Perkins. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “ABSENT”

Lopez – “YES”  
Box – “YES”

### **ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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President Robert Lopez

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary/Treasurer Debra Mitchell