

**OFFICIAL MINUTES AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY
ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

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

Directors/Staff

Absent:

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 9:00 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 Director Perkins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

Director Perkins made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District’s February 14, 2023, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Box – “YES”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4,162.4 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,161.1 feet. Conchas Lake received 537 acre-feet of inflow for the month of February. The evaporation and other losses were 1,292 acre-feet.

On February 14, AHCD received notification DFA has approved the AHCD 2023 annual budget.

On February 21, the BOR sent AHCD an email informing us that someone from the BOR Denver office would be here in March to conduct air quality tests in the five tunnels. We haven't heard anything from the Denver office yet. The dates planned for this inspection are still scheduled for September 18th thru the 22nd.

AHCD has been invited to participate in a Water Protection Collaborative for Conchas Lake. The other participants are Big Mesa, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Conchas Lake State Parks. Martha Graham from the New Mexico Rural Water Association is the lead for the group.

The maintenance department is estimating 2-3 weeks to finish cleaning out the main canal from the outlet of tunnel 2 to the 104 highway. We are planning on moving all of the equipment to the outlet works at Conchas Lake and working on cleaning the canal to the inlet of tunnel 2.

The water department has burned the main canal from 104 Hwy at the Spade Ranch gate to the Jack County Check. They have burned all of the laterals in A Unit and about half of B Unit. We are blading fire breaks on the backside of the canal and are at the Span Check on the Conchas Canal. I have hired Malikaih Marquez as a ditch rider for G Unit.

REVIEW OF CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION AND YEAR-TO-DATE SNOW PACK ON THE CANADIAN BASIN

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is at 4,162.4 feet and reviewed the Snow Pack on the Canadian Basin reports with the board.

SET WATER ALLOCATION FOR THE 2023 IRRIGATION SEASON

Director Griffiths made the motion not to allocate any water at this time. The motion was seconded by Director Perkins. Motion carried 5-0.

The board will continue to review monthly snowpack reports regarding the Canadian Basin and review any stream inflow into Conchas Lake.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Box – “YES”

BURNING CANALS AND LATERALS WITH AERIAL IGNITION

Manager McCasland informed the board AHCD is now using dragon eggs for aerial ignition for burning canals and laterals. This method has saved AHCD money and time. AHCD will continue to use propane to burn in certain circumstances.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG, 811 TRAINING

Manager McCasland informed the board that the maintenance and water department employees attended the training at the Quay County Fairgrounds on February 23, 2023. Each employee in attendance received a certification.

The training was informative regarding who is to call in a dig ticket, when a ticket should be requested, and the fines for not abiding by the guidelines for the individuals and entities performing the digging.

2023 CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR AHCD

Manager McCasland provided the board with a copy of AHCD’s Capital Outlay project request for 2023. The report stated a \$100,000 request for the purchase of canal maintenance equipment and a \$50,000 request for water system improvements, including removing invasive species.

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 Griffiths. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Box – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

President Robert Lopez

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer Debra Mitchell