

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

**Tuesday, June 13, 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, Office Manager Theresa Lafferty, Cameron Meier F-Unit Ditch Rider, Malikaih Marquez G-Unit Ditch Rider

**Guests Present:** Ron Warnick, Phillip Box, Raine Miller, Rick Miller, Zac Murray, and Dan Austin, CPA via telephone

**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.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW DITCH RIDERS**

Manager McCasland introduced Cameron Meier as the new ditch rider for Unit-F, and Malikaih Marquez as the new ditch rider for Unit-G to the board of directors and guests.

Arch Hurley Conservancy District's website <http://www.archhurley.com/> has been updated at this time. All contact information and phone numbers for all ditch riders can be viewed by clicking on the "ditch riders tab" on the AHCD website.

**APPROVE DAN AUSTIN CPA, AHCD 2022 AUDIT REPORT**

Dan Austin, CPA reviewed the AHCD 2022 audit with the Board of Directors and answered questions via telephone conference.

Director Perkins made the motion to approve the 2022 AHCD audit report prepared by Dan Austin, CPA. The motion was seconded by Director Griffiths. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Box – “YES”

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
May 09, 2023**

Director Mitchell made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District’s May 09, 2023, regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Box. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Box – “YES”

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING  
June 5, 2023**

Director Mitchell made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District’s June 5, 2023, special meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Director Perkins. 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 4,173.9 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,160.0 feet. Conchas Lake received 40,013 acre feet of inflow for the month of May. The evaporation and other losses were 2,186 acre feet.

DFA has approved AHCD’s 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial reports. The New Mexico State Auditor has approved AHCD 2022 audit.

On June 10, I met with our insurance adjuster to inspect property damage to several locations. The A and B unit homes, shop, and the district office have hail and water damage.

The water department crew is burning, removing piles of weeds from weed racks and culverts. They are also building and tarping main checks on the main canal after all the weeds are removed from in front of them.

The maintenance department has repaired storm damage to the canal from Conchas to check 25. They are working on the Hudson Canal where stormwater overtopped the backside of the canal and caused many washouts and road damage. They have the compact excavators cleaning on the bottom of the Conchas. Both crews are working overtime hours to repair and get ready for the delivery of irrigation water.

## **REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION AND SET WATER ALLOCATION FOR THE 2023 IRRIGATION SEASON**

Manager McCasland stated the elevation of Conchas Lake is currently at 4,173.9 feet.

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

The board will review lake reports and maintenance reports at the regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2023. Should reports need to be viewed sooner a special meeting will be called.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Box – “YES”

**APPROVE RESOLUTION#2023-007 BOD ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE**

Director Griffiths made the motion to approve Resolution #2023-007 BOD Legal Notice. The motion was seconded by Director Perkins. Motion carried 5-0.

The legal ad will appear in the Quay County Sun on June 21, 2023, and again on June 28, 2023.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Box – “YES”

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Phillip Box said the irrigation district is looking better.

Rick Miller stated he felt the board did the right thing by not allocating any water at this time.

Zac Murray voiced he is in favor of a water allocation.

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

There was discussion among the board about the possibility of AHCD looking into obtaining a lobbyist or grant writer.

Thoughts and ideas on changes in how to allocate water and alternative methods of water delivery were also discussed by the board of directors.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

Director Griffiths made a motion to pay the submitted bills. The motion was seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”  
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”  
Box – “YES”

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**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 Debra Mitchell