

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

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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

Staff Present: District Manager Franklin McCasland, Office Manager Hallie
Ferguson

Guests Present: John Hicks, Mark Myers, Gage Myers

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 July 8, 2025

Director Perkins made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's July 08, 2025, regular meeting. Director Mitchell seconded the motion. 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 4,192.3 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4,172.2 feet. Conchas Lake received 22,274 acre feet of inflow for the month of July. The evaporation and other losses were 5,040 acre feet. Diversions for Arch Hurley in July was 9,215 acre feet.

We had to replace a collapsed and rusted 20 foot culvert on the Page Lateral. This lateral is back in service.

The maintenance department has been out mowing and spraying woody vegetation on the canals. They also applied four bags of bentonite in the main canal above Joe Shallert's house to try and stop some of the seepage in that area.

The Monday thru Friday irrigation gate change at Conchas Lake by the USACE has been a difficult challenge. This change by the USACE has caused the loss of water deliveries in D and G unit multiple times this year. This is not fair or equitable to the landowners in these lower delivery units that have water orders in place and running. The other problem we have experienced is too much water in the delivery system. When we have a rain event over the weekend, this causes us to dump water out of our waste ways until we can get the gates at Conchas closed down on Monday.

One solution that I have thought, is to NOT start any new water deliveries on Sunday or Monday, this would allow AHCD to maintain the existing water orders that are currently in place. The exception to this would be, unless there is water inventory in the delivery system to make the Sunday or Monday water delivery requests that wouldn't affect current deliveries in the lower delivery units. This exception should require the ditch riders to receive approval from myself or the water master to turn on the additional water release on Sunday and Monday.

REVIEW CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION & WATER ALLOCATION

Manager McCasland stated that the elevation of Conchas Lake is at 4,192.3 feet.

WATER ALLOCATION FOR THE 2025 IRRIGATION SEASON

Director Mitchell motioned not to allocate any water at this time. The motion was seconded by Larry Perkins. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – "YES"
Mitchell – "YES"

Griffiths – "YES"

Lopez – "YES"
Box – "YES"

APPROVE 2nd QUARTER FINANCIALS

Director Griffins motioned to approve the 2nd Quarter Financials. Director Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Box – “YES”

UPDATE ON DFA APPROVAL ON AHCD BUDGET AND QUARTERLY REPORTS

Office Manager Hallie Ferguson reviewed with the board emails and informed them the Budget was approved and the 1st Quarter is pending final approval.

APPROVE EPCOG RESOLUTION FOR AHCD MEMBERSHIP

Director Perkins motioned to approve the EPCOG Resolution for AHCD membership. Director Griffins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Box – “YES”

UPDATE ON AHCD BOARD ELECTION FOR AT LARGE AND MUNICIPAL

District Manager Franklin McCasland state that there will be no election due to both positions being uncontested as Larry Perkins and Jason Box were the only two applicants.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Mark Myers asked John Hicks about the issue with the gate and opening it on the weekends. Mr. Hicks stated there is a hiring freeze until October 15th that is likely to be extended after. There are only 2 people currently available to open the gates. Mr. Myers stated there needs to be some sort of accommodations made to help AHCD as farmers are losing water. The CORP works under the secretary of defense they get their orders from there. Gage asked about a grant writer.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Griffins inquired about the tumbleweed issue and if they could burn.
District Manager said that he will have the maintenance work on them this month.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Director Mitchell made the motion to pay the submitted bills. Director Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”
Mitchell – “YES”

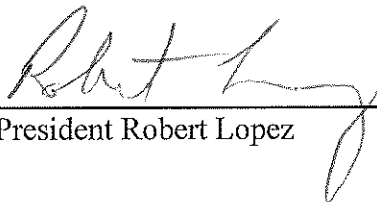
Griffiths – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Box – “YES”

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING


With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



President Robert Lopez

ATTEST:



Secretary/Treasurer Debra Mitchell