

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

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Directors Present: Tom Bruhn; Vice President, UV Henson; Secretary/Treasurer, Pablo Lopez, Director, John Gilbertson, Director.

Directors/Staff Larry Perkins, President

Absent:

Staff Present: Franklin McCasland, District Manager; Craig Hoffman, Maintenance Supervisor, Donna Lafferty, Office Manager.

Guests Present: Jimmy Speed, David Foote, Ray Bates, Tom Dominquez, Robert and Thomas Evans.

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, Vice President Bruhn called this meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the District Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Vice President Bruhn and the Invocation was given by Vice President Bruhn.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
December 14, 2010**

Director Henson made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's December 14, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Lopez. Motion carried 3-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “ABSTAIN”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4162.1 feet. Conchas Lake received 1,035 acre feet of inflow for the month of December. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4162.7 feet.

The NRCS reported on the Canadian River Basin as of January 1, 2011. Stream flow forecasts for the Canadian River Basin range from 56 percent of average for the Conchas Reservoir Inflow to 111 percent of average for the Vermejo River near Dawson. Year-to-date high elevation precipitation in the Canadian River Basin is above average at 111 percent, down somewhat from last year's 125 percent of average at this time. In comparison, October this year was much wetter than last year, but both November and December were drier. Snow pack in the basin is close to average for this time of year, at 101 percent as compared to last year's 159 percent.

On December 17, Arch Hurley had their annual Christmas dinner. The employees would like to thank the board of directors for the dinner and attending.

The bentonite for the first BOR grant should arrive sometime this week. There will be seven trucks of bentonite to complete that grant.

The bushings that were delivered for the John Deere excavator were the wrong. Those have been sent back and new bushings ordered.

The maintenance department is working on installing the 10 foot culvert under Madrid Bridge. I have contacted the City and County about cost sharing this work with Arch Hurley.

We have raised the check level on the Civic and hauled in more dirt to raise the elevation. We were not able to deliver the requested cfs this past year through the delivery gate. We also completed some cement repair work on the Wharton lateral.

On December 24, I was contacted by Frank Valdez from the OSA. He informed me that Chester Mattocks had passed away. He informed me that we would have to seek quotes from the states IPA's.

On December 28, we were informed that ENMR received a grant to install fiber optics in all government buildings in Quay County. We were on that list for installation. There is no additional cost to Arch Hurley.

On January 3, a release of a lien filed in the County Clerk's office. This lien was against a class A property owner for past due assessments.

On January 5, Donna and I held a phone conference with Chuck Dumars and two other attorneys from his staff. We discussed several topics. The items were the discussion of a couple of bills being introduced this year for Arch Hurley during the legislative session. One bill would allow the ISC to be Arch Hurley's sponsor to acquire federal surplus equipment. This is a recommendation from Mike Hannon the area director of the BOR.

The other bill was to introduce the changes in the conservancy voting statutes. This is the same as last year bill that died because of the 30 day session. Chuck informed us that a senator last year introduced a bill that would change the conservancy district elections. The bill would allow for only one vote per person and anyone could vote that lived within that district regardless of land ownership. The MRGCD fought this bill and won. He thinks that senator may introduce the bill again this year.

We discussed Arch Hurley`s election coming up this year. We have sent Chuck all of the information regarding this election. He will be reviewing our election rules and procedure and will make a recommendation to the board at the next meeting.

Chuck also informed us that Governor Martinez has not appointed a State Engineer at this time and has asked the committee to submit more names for consideration. The three names that had been submitted were Mike Gabaldon, Phil King and John D` Antonio.

Manager McCasland informed the Board that Nate Gentry, formerly employed by Chuck DuMars, is a State Representative now and will be helpful in sponsoring bills. The 43rd Agriculture and Home Economics Seminar will be held Jan. 27, 2011 at the Tucumcari Convention Center. It is hosted by Quay County Extension Service.

Director Gilbertson asked if the election changes are the same ones that were approved in November 2009. Manager McCasland stated that they are.

VISITORS COMMENTS

Tom Dominguez reminded everyone about the 43rd Agriculture and Home Economics Seminar on January 27, 2011 at the Tucumcari Convention Center. Tom also wanted to thank Arch Hurley for making a donation that will be used for providing lunch.

APPROVE TO ACQUIRE PROPOSALS FOR IPA

Director Gilbertson made the motion to approve seeking bids from IPA for the Arch Hurley audit. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”
Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”
Henson – “YES”

2011/2012 BOR WATER CONSERVATION GRANT

Director Lopez made the motion to seek a \$50,000 Water Conservation Grant. The motion was seconded by Director Gilbertson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

COURT ORDER TO DISMISS ARCH HURLEY vs. SKIP VERNON

The 2 court cases were dismissed without prejudice because there has been no action within the last twelve months. Director Gilbertson asked that Manager McCasland inquire about BOR’s policy on rights-of-way and easements. Manager McCasland stated that he would try to get BOR Rik Arndt to attend that February meeting.

AHCD PERSONNEL HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Director Gilbertson made the motion to accept the revised AHCD Personnel Handbook. The motion was seconded by Director Henson. Motion carried 4-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Henson stated that in reference to Corp of Engineers at Conchas Lake building a fence to help curtail the amount of weeds getting in the channel he would also like to see the Corp spray the area adjacent to the channel.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “ABSENT”

Bruhn – “YES”

Gilbertson – “YES”

Lopez – “YES”

Henson – “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

Director Pablo Lopez

ATTEST:

Director John Gilbertson

