

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

**Tuesday, April 10, 2012**

**Directors Present:** President Larry Perkins, Vice President Phillip Box,  
Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson, Director J.D. McEwen,  
Director Robert Evans

**Directors/Staff  
Absent:**

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

**Guests Present:** Jimmy Speed, Ray Bates, Richard Dahl, Frances Langley, Pete Tatschl, Don Lopez, George Evetts, Tom Dominguez, Misty Gulley

**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 Perkins 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 President Larry Perkins and the Invocation was given by V-President Phillip Box.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULARL SCHEDULED MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2012**

Director Henson made the motion to approve the draft minutes of the Arch Hurley Conservancy District's March 13, 2012 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. Motion carried 5-0.

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Today the Conchas Lake elevation is at 4159.2 feet. Last year at this time the elevation of Conchas Lake was 4162.0 feet. Conchas Lake received 987 acre feet of inflow for the month of March.

### NEW MEXICO Water Supply Outlook Report as of April 1, 2012

New Mexico remained dry and somewhat warm through most of March, with the majority of the state seeing well below average snowfall and precipitation in general. Warm and windy

conditions dominated for the latter half of the month, intensifying the already dry conditions and leading to significant dust-on-snow events in many areas. Unfortunately, the below average snowpack which was in place when March began was significantly reduced by these factors as well; with a combination of sublimation and early melting occurring. Following up on one of the driest years on record last year, runoff levels from the melt-off are also being reduced due to infiltration into the soil profile. Some basins have already melted out the majority of the snowpack, with only small peaks registering at stream gauging stations. Overall, it would appear that New Mexico is set up for another very dry spring. This will not only affect runoff and water users; it will also contribute to another year of high fire danger for residents around the state. With the snow season basically over, hopes for a recovery this spring are basically non-existent.

### CANADIAN RIVER BASIN as of April 1, 2012

April to June streamflow forecasts for the Canadian River Basin range from 22 percent of average for the Mora River near Golondrinas to 40 percent of average for the Vermejo River near Dawson. Inflow into Conchas Reservoir is expected to be 12,200 acre-feet or 37 percent of normal for the April to June period. March precipitation was 57 percent of average, while year-to-date high elevation precipitation in the Canadian River Basin remains decent at 101 percent, compared to last year's 84 percent. Snowpack in the basin is only 36 percent of average, up somewhat from last year's 15 percent at this time.

It is important to note that as of the February 1, 2010 forecast cycle, the Conchas Reservoir Inflow forecast percentage is based off median values rather than averages. The actual volume forecast remains the same, but the percentage value will be higher than if calculated from average.

On March 15, Plateau made the switch on our phone and internet to the new fiber optic. The switch was without any interruption in service.

On March 20, the men were working on the Page lateral. They were hauling dirt building up the backside of the ditch bank where a great amount of erosion had taken place. When one of the men was dumping the dirt out of the dump truck both hinges on the back of the truck broke. This caused the bed to slam down onto the cab of the truck. The employee was not injured and all of the trucks were taken to the shop for inspection where another truck was also found to have a cracked hinge. All of the trucks have been repaired at this time.

On March 21, a Workers Compensation audit was done by New Mexico Mutual. There were no findings in the audit. This insurance policy has been cancelled and we have received our refund on this policy.

On March 23, the 2012 assessments were mailed out to all Class A landowners. We had a problem with the assessments of landowners that had prior construction credits. The problem was resolved and corrected assessments were mailed out to those landowners.

On March 27, we were inspected and our spraying log books were audited by Tyler Tatum from USDA. There were no violations found with the inspection and all records were found to be in compliance. Mr. Tatum reviewed some of the rules and regulations about the possible future NPDES permits.

On March 28,  
Valerie Heath-Harrison from the BOR in Salt Lake City office arrived to inspect the office building. Valerie was looking at the public access into the building as well as public accessibility throughout the inside of the building. She is aware that the building is on the historic register. She said the BOR has money allocated for this type of work. I informed her of the poor condition of the roof and exterior walls that I felt needed immediate attention. She would look to see if the funds could be used for that purpose. We will receive a report from her when it is completed.

On April 3, Phillip Box, Misty Gulley and I met with Loren Toole from Los Alamos National Laboratory and discussed the possibility of applying for a grant that is offered through them.

On April 5, during the monthly safety meeting, I informed the employees that we had passed the first quarter with no employee injuries or illness and everyone would receive their safety incentive for the quarter. I believe that this safety incentive policy that was approved by this board will produce the desired results that we were looking to happen.

We have been in contact with the BOR regarding the final reimbursement on the last water conservation grant that was completed. We will stay in contact with them as we need the reimbursement to start on our next grant.

We are in the process of working on a draft 2013 budget. When the draft is finished I will call the board members and advertise for a budget workshop.

Director Box asked if there were any changes since switching to fiber optics. Manager McCasland stated that the internet speed is faster.

Director Henson inquired about the incident with the hinges breaking on the dump trucks. The cab was dented 4 to 6 inches. The driver wasn't hit.

### **VISITORS**

Pete Tatschl asked if he could have input on Agenda item #8. President Perkins stated that he could.

Tom Dominguez asked if the snow-pack report included the recent snow received in April. Manager McCasland stated that the report did not include the recent snow.

### **WATER ALLOCATION, REVIEW OF CONCHAS LAKE ELEVATION**

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

Directors Voted:

Perkins – “YES”

McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”

Henson – “YES”

### **BOR GROSS CROP VALUES REPORT & CORRESPONDENCES**

Manager McCasland stated that the form for gross crop values was completed and sent to the Bureau. The only figure to report was the Federal ASCS payments. Manager McCasland stated that when water is allocated the RRA forms will be required to be completed.

### **AHCD WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM MAINTENANCE COSTS**

Manager McCasland explained that some of the laterals have filled in with sand from adjacent fields. He stated that it would cost between 10 and 12 thousand dollars to clean out these ditches. A lot of different ideas were discussed. Some of these ideas were to pass the clean out costs on to landowner or lessee if leased, using different farming practices (no or minimum till, leave crop residue), review rules and/or state statutes on this issue, and see if crop insurance requirements could be waived during drought conditions.

## **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER & LOS ALAMOS LABORATORY GRANTS**

Misty Gulley, Phillip Box and Manager McCasland met with Loren Toole from Los Alamos National Laboratory. During this meeting the particulars of these type of grants where explained. The grant will need to be applied for by five businessmen and will need to have four defined goals. The Board will be the businessmen and the goals will be as follows:

- (1) economic impact to area
- (2) historic collection i.e. runoff/rainfall/snowmelt
- (3) woody vegetation/change in water shed over 50 years
- (4) stream flow

A three page proposal is due in June and the complete proposal is due in August. Phillip Box made the motion to have Misty Gulley apply and move forward with this grant. The businessmen would be the Board members. The motion was seconded by UV Henson. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Directors Voted:**

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

## **DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS**

President Perkins wanted to complement 2 ditchriders on their efforts to help a constituent. He also wanted to congratulate the Arch Hurley employees on their efforts to receive the safety incentive bonus for the first quarter.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Box made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Director McEwen. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors went into executive session at 10:34 a.m.

### **Directors Voted:**

Perkins – “YES”  
McEwen – “YES”

Box – “YES”

Evans – “YES”  
Henson – “YES”

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director McEwen made the motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Director Evans. A roll call was taken and each of the directors voted yes. Directors came out of executive session at 11:07 a.m. President Perkins stated that only threatened or pending litigation was discussed.

	Directors Voted:	
Perkins – “YES”		Evans –“YES”
McEwen – “YES”	Box – “YES”	Henson –“YES”

### **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

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

	Directors Voted:	
Perkins – “YES”		Evans –“YES”
McEwen – “YES”	Box – “YES”	Henson –“YES”

### **ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING-**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. with a unanimous vote.

ARCH HURLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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President Larry Perkins

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary/Treasurer UV Henson

