

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, in the counties of Churchill and Lyon, State of Nevada, met in regular session at the office of the District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada, on **Tuesday, November 1, 2022** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

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| Present: | Eric Olsen Robert Oakden Lester deBraga Wade Workman | President Secretary Treasurer Director |
| Absent: | David Stix Jr. Joseph Gomes Abrahm Schank | Vice-President Director Director |
| Others Present: | Benjamin Shawcroft Helen-Marie Morrow Cody Biggs Mark Solinski Ariel Tomb | General Manager Finance Manager Construction/Maintenance Manager Hydroelectric Facilities Manager Assistant Secretary to the Board |

| Teleconference/Zoom Guests | Representing |
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| Jack Worsley | Bureau of Reclamation |
| Josh Vorhees | Bureau of Reclamation |
| Jason Villarreal | Bureau of Reclamation |
| Robert Owen | Bureau of Reclamation |
| Dan Lahde | Bureau of Reclamation |
| Bethany Chagnon | US Fish & Wildlife |
| Leanna Hale | Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe |
| Hezy Ram | Lahontan Solar LLC |
| Stuart Johnson | Lahontan Solar LLC |
| Ilan Brand | Lahontan Solar LLC |
| Paul Stroud | Lahontan Solar LLC |
| Steve King | Legal Counsel |
| Raija Bushnell | Farmer's Conservation Alliance |
| Rachel Dahl | The Fallon Post |

| In-Person Guests | Representing |
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| Robert Martinez | Bureau of Reclamation |
| Joe Horvath | Truckee Donner Public Utility District |
| Tim Bardsley | NOAA |
| Amanda Young | NOAA |

The following agenda items are not necessarily in the order they were heard or decided but in the order as appearing on the agenda.

1. **Call to Order**

President Olsen called the meeting to order in accordance with NRS 241 at 9:10 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Workman.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. **General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

General Manager Shawcroft provided an overview of correspondence sent and received during the month of October 2022.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Ben Shawcroft, General Manager, commented on the Nevada Water network that is being formed in the State. The members toured the Dam and power stations a few weeks ago and will be seeking federal funding to support their projects. The network is newly formed and the District will likely be seeing and hearing more from them in the future.

• **Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager**

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager, reported the long reach is cleaning Harmon Drain. He has crews trimming and removing trees at the L1 meter site, and then they will move to the T-Line. Concrete crews are replacing takeouts and check structures on the L10 lateral, once completed they will move to the L10 and S6 meter sites. The plug below Harmon blew out, it is being repaired today.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Not present to report.

• **Mike Adams, Systems & Technologies Manager**

Not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**

Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager, reported that the Lahontan Tower gates and stems have been removed. The replacement stems are being manufactured in Arizona and should be ready to pick up mid-November. The gates are scheduled to be sandblasted next week then will be repainted. He is also doing maintenance work at Old

Lahontan; some bearings need to be replaced. The wicket gates at 26' Drop have been opened and will be cleaned out during the off season. The conveyor belts and moss system need some bearings replaced.

7. **City of Fernley – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

8. **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) – General Updates**

Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Project Leader, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, reported that waterfowl hunting season has begun and everything is going well.

9. **Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) Representative(s) – General Updates**

Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, commented that the Bureau office received the notice of the Truckee Canal shutdown. He thanked the District and added that their office appreciates the good working relationship had with the District and the open communication that is shared.

Josh Voorhees, Bureau of Reclamation, held a presentation on the status of the TCID Water Order Record Keeping System (WORKS) program. A new developer has been brought onboard and their team is upgrading the system the program runs on. The program is expected to be ready for testing by the end of year 2023 with planned deployment by January 2024.

10. **Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST) – General Updates**

Leanna Hale, Land & Water Director, reported that she sent a notice to all tribal water users informing them of their remaining balance and the last day to order water. In post water season discussions, the consensus from the tribal users is that they are satisfied with their deliveries this season. Leanna commented that she has been working with Jo Moore and Will Coyle at the Bureau on the GIS mapping program and everything is going well.

11. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

12. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

13. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

14. **Farmer's Conservation Alliance (FCA) – General Updates**

Raija Bushnell, Watershed Planning Program Manager, reported that she met with Jones-Demille, the engineering firm creating the Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR), to coordinate FCA's efforts with theirs. The PIFR is expected to be completed by the end of November and will be used to determine if the District qualifies for funding through the NRCS PL566 program. She also met with Lumos Engineering to coordinate on the System Improvement Plan (SIP), which is a technical document

providing modernization actions for the Carson Division. The SIP can be used to apply for grant funding. The draft document is expected by the end of December. Raija commented that she will be visiting the TCID office in person on November 21st and would love to see more of the District when she is here.

**** The Board recessed at 9:55 a.m. to enter a closed litigation session.**

**** The Board meeting was reconvened at 10:36 a.m.**

15. NOAA / National Weather Service (NWS)

Tim Bardsley and Amanda Young of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) presented an outlook for winter 2022-23. See the attached slideshow.

16. Lahontan Solar LLC (formerly SLR Solar) Proposal for Leasehold of District Owned Lands

Deliberation and decision relating to final approval regarding a proposal by Lahontan Solar LLC (formerly SLR Solar) for leasehold of a portion of District owned lands within Assessor's Parcel Number 007-011-22. This property is located to the north of Bango Road and west of U.S. Highway 50 in Churchill County, Nevada. This proposal contemplates development of a solar facility upon District lands capable of approximately 25 megawatts of electric energy production.

General Manager Shawcroft provided an overview of the lease agreement and detailed the requested changes that were made based on the Revenue Committee's request. The Revenue Committee has provided a recommendation to approve the lease agreement.

Hezy Ram, Manager, Lahontan Solar LLC, commented that they are comfortable with the agreement and the concessions made. He also added that they are excited to be able to work with the District on this project.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the Solar Lease Agreement with Lahontan Solar LLC, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved by the four directors present.

17. Truckee Donner Public Utility District

Deliberation and decision regarding entry into an agreement with Truckee Donner Public Utility District for sale of electrical energy output by the 26' Drop Power Station and Old Lahontan Power Plant. The current agreement expires November 30, 2022.

Joe Horvath, Electric Utility Director/Assistant General Manager, Truckee Donner Public Utility District, commented that he appreciates the long term relationship the two Districts share and the opportunity to purchase energy from the District's power stations. The term of the agreement is one (1) year at \$31 per megawatt.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to renew the agreement for the sale of electrical energy with Truckee Donner Public Utility District, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

18. Consent Agenda Items

- Approval of Director's compensation as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2022.
- Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2022.
- Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2022.
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2020.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Consent Agenda items with the exception of the November 3, 2020 minutes, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

19. Committee Reports

• **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**

No meeting was held during the month of October 2022.

• **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**

Treasurer deBraga (CLP Committee Chairman) reported that the grazers met on October 24th and determined that the Pasture was in good enough condition to support the cattle until November 15th. There is no meeting scheduled at this time. Treasurer deBraga also commented that there is no direct correlation between the water season allocation and the percentage of cattle permitted in the Pasture. He is concerned that language reflecting such a correlation is being considered in the Master Agreement with NDOW.

• **Employee Relations Committee**

Secretary Oakden reported that the Committee had a meeting to discuss the renewal of the Employee Association Agreement and that the Agreement is nearing completion.

• **Finance Committee**

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on October 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 42869 through 42930, online, phone and automatic payments, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

• **Negotiations Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of October 2022.

• **Policy Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of October 2022.

• **Public Relations Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of October 2022.

- **Revenue/IT Committee**

There was a meeting held on October 26, 2022 to finalize the solar lease agreement. No further meetings are currently scheduled.

- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**

There was no meeting held for the month of October 2022.

20. Additional Public Comment

Treasurer deBraga commented that he was able to get insurance coverage through his carrier, Rain & Hail, for the potential lost crops next year as a result of the Truckee Canal shutdown. The insurance carrier requested a letter stating the reason for the water shortage. General Manager Shawcroft drafted a letter to that effect and it is available to any water user who requests it.

21. Adjournment

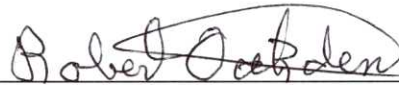
The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 11:28 a.m.



Eric Olsen - President



Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary



Date