

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
Carson Lake Pasture Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting  
February 27, 2023**

The Carson Lake Pasture Advisory Committee, in the counties of Churchill and Lyon, State of Nevada, met in regular session at the offices of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada, on **Monday, February 27, 2023** at 1:30 p.m.

The following Committee members were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes Kelly Herwick Don Snodgrass Wes Washburn	Committee Chairman Committee Member Committee Member Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen
Absent:	Michele Kyte Gibb Mackedon	Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc.
Others Present:	Ben Shawcroft Mike Adams Helen-Marie Morrow Ariel Tomb	General Manager Systems & Technology Manager Finance Manager Assistant Secretary to the Board

In-Person Guests	Representing
Bryant Behimer	CLP Manager – Independent Contractor
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Walter Winder	Grazer
Bruce Corkill	Grazer
Trevor deBraga	Grazer
Sam Guazzini	Grazer
Jerilynn Guazzini	Grazer
Kenny Lee	Grazer
Aaron Williams	Grazer

Teleconference Guests	Representing
None Present	

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**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman deBraga at 1:31 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Committee Member Herwick.

3. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the agenda, seconded by Committee Member Herwick, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

4. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

5. **Carson Lake Pasture Development of Recommendations for the 2023 Grazing Season**

*Deliberation and decision for development of recommendations for new or revised Pasture regulations and/or new or revised Pasture policies governing Pasture operations for the 2023 grazing season and recommendation of the animal unit monthly rate for fees. The Committee may also review the terms and conditions of the Agreement had by the District with the State of Nevada for management of Pasture lands, and the Agreement had by the District with the Pasture Manager responsible for Pasture grazing oversight, and may upon review of all such matters provide recommendations to the Board for changes or modifications to such agreements. Any such recommendations relating to new or revised regulations, policies, or agreement modifications are subject to final approval by the Board of Directors at a subsequent meeting thereof.*

*Specific Items requiring discussion:*

- *Review grazer applications received by the District*
- *Committee approval required for acceptance of two applications received after the due date*
- *Review number of head per applications received vs number of head allowable and discuss adjustments if necessary*
- *Opening date of Pasture*

Pasture Manager Behimer reported that many sections of the Pasture are under water and the remainder of the Pasture doesn't have much feed available. Committee Member Herwick provided an update on the weather forecast, typically March is still considered storm season and cooler temperatures may prevent feed from growing. Following Herwick's weather update, Behimer informed the Committee that he would be comfortable setting the opening date of the Pasture for April 1, 2023, with a review of Pasture conditions on March 15 to determine if an adjustment is needed.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to set the opening date of the Carson Lake Pasture as April 1, 2023 with a review on March 15, 2023, seconded by Committee Member Washburn, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Pasture Manager Behimer recommended 100% allocation. Chairman deBraga informed the Committee that a 100% allocation translates to 1,888 head of cattle. With applications received from grazers, the total number of cattle applied for is only 1,538. Per policy, grazers are able to add additional head, if they are available, up to their allotment before a new grazer would be admitted.

Committee Member Snodgrass commented that with the uncertainty of the weather forecast and the limited availability of feed it might be a good decision to stay with the amount of cattle applied for. Chairman deBraga replied that to avoid AUM fees being raised by the State it would be better to fill the Pasture to the full amount if possible.

Chairman deBraga and Committee Member Shawcroft collaborated on the best method to fill the remaining allotment. It was determined that staff would determine each grazers available numbers based on their owned acreage outside of the meeting and contact each grazer with their additional number of head allowed. Grazer responses will be due back to the District by March 10<sup>th</sup>; if additional head is still needed to fill the 1,888 then the first name on the waiting list will be contacted.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to recommend approval of all received applications to the Board, including the two applications received after the due date, seconded by Committee Member Washburn, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

The Committee discussed the location of the Wildlife Fence; the consensus was that the State's preferred option is agreed to by the grazers and no formal action is required.

Chairman deBraga informed the Committee that the State's rates for the 2023 Season will stay at \$13.37 per animal unit, and the District's rate will be reduced from \$7.20 to \$5.50 per animal unit.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to recommend approval of the 2023 Season rates to the Board, seconded by Committee Member Herwick, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**6. Update on Lock Replacement**

*At the January 19, 2023 Committee meeting authorization was given to replace all locks at the Carson Lake Pasture. The cost for these locks is higher than what was originally reported. Staff is seeking approval to acquire the locks at the higher price.*

Mike Adams, District Systems & Technology Manager, reported that following his meeting with Pasture Manager Behimer he had problems ordering the locks through the intended supplier. As a result he reached out to different companies to receive quotes for the 20 locks needed. The best quote received was a significant increase

from the original quote, Adams believes the reason is that the locks were on sale from the supplier at the time of the original quote. With the updated price, the new price per key will be \$219.00.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the updated lock replacement plan with a cost of \$219.00 per key, seconded by Committee Member Washburn, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**7. Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Carson Lake Pasture Committee Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2023 conducted at the District office, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon Nevada.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting, seconded by Committee Member Herwick, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

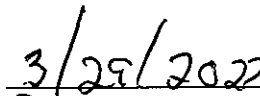
**8. Additional Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

**9. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Committee Chairman at 2:06 p.m.**

  
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Lester deBraga, Committee Chairman

  
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