

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the  
**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes  
**May 2, 2023**

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, May 2, 2023** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen David Stix Jr. Robert Oakden Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes Abrahm Schank Wade Workman	President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Director Director Director
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft Kelly Herwick Mark Solinski Ariel Tomb	General Manager District Water Master Hydroelectric Facilities Manager Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Bethany Chagnon	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
Rachel Dahl	The Fallon Post
Leanna Hale	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation

In-Person Guests	Representing
Paul Boswell	TCID – Maintenance Lead
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Laurie Nicholas	Bureau of Reclamation
Jake Ward	NDOW

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 9:01 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Solinski.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

**4. General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**5. Recognition of Service for Paul Boswell**

*Recognition of Service for Paul Boswell, Maintenance Lead, for 30 years of service to the District.*

General Manager Shawcroft thanked Paul for his many years of loyal service and presented him with a gift. Paul thanked Shawcroft and the Board.

**6. Miscellaneous Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to review for the month of April 2023.

**7. General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that the Big Berm is almost complete; he also presented photographs of the construction at the Big Weir. The Bill AB325 has died and will not be moving forward.

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

Not present to report.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick reported on current conditions in the Carson Division. See the attached report. With soil saturation levels so high, the drains in the Carson Division are unable to keep up. Maintenance crews are cleaning them to try and help promote faster drainage. Ditchriders are still running high water monitoring 24/7 and are also checking Derby Dam on a regular basis.

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

Not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Solinski reported that the elevation of Lake Lahontan is increasing slowly. New Lahontan Power Plant is producing 2,600 KW, Old Lahontan is producing 950 KW and 26' Drop is producing 1,000 KW. The grant application for the 26' Drop runners has been approved.

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

There was no representative present to report.

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

Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Refuge Manager, reported that there is plenty of room for water available in the Refuge; and that the Fish & Wildlife Office has moved to its new location on Freeman Lane.

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

Jack Worsley, LBAO Area Manager, reported that the contractor in Fernley will be pouring a 70' test section of lining next week.

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

Leanna Hale, Land & Water Director, reported that the Wetlands are receiving spread water and so far everything is running smoothly this season.

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

There was no representative present to report.

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

There was no representative present to report.

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

Jake Ward, Wildlife Technician, reported that water levels in the Carson Lake Pasture have risen to roughly equal to levels in 2017. Water has reached the Berm along Pasture Road and several other roads are closed.

**15. Hearing on Petition for Inclusion of Lands to the District - 9:00 a.m.**

*Public hearing relating to decision by the Board, made pursuant to NRS 539.708 et seq., as to whether or not to include lands in the District, upon petition by Darren James Leitzke and Sharon Leitzke of Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada. The land consists of Assessor Parcel No. 007-111-30 and bears the physical location of 75 Bench Road, in Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada. The failure by any person to show cause as provided for upon notice given pursuant to NRS 539.712 shall be taken as assent on that person's part to change of the boundaries of the District so as to include the whole or part of the land mentioned in the petition.*

General Manager Shawcroft presented an overview of the annexation request; no comments have been received from the public.

**A motion was made by Director Gomes to approve the Annexation of Parcel Number 007-111-30 owned by Darren James Leitzke and Sharon Leitzke, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**16. Resolution 2023-03**

*A Resolution designating the President of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Board of Directors as the person authorized to make any decision regarding litigation in which the District is a party pursuant to NRS 241.0357.*

General Manager Shawcroft presented an overview of the Resolution; this authority would only be used by the Board President in cases of extreme short deadlines when calling a Special Meeting is not feasible. After discussion, it was determined that this item will be added to the June Board meeting agenda with updates to the wording.

**17. Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of April as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes of April 4, 2023.

**A motion was made by Director Gomes to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was approved with one abstention (Vice-President Stix).**

**18. Committee Reports**

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**  
Vice-President Stix reported that the O&M Committee approved one application during the meeting held on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee Recommendations**  
Treasurer deBraga reported that no meeting was held for the month of April; the cows were admitted to the Pasture beginning April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Employee Relations Committee**  
Secretary Oakden reported the Committee is still in negotiations with the Employee Association for the wage increase.
- **Finance Committee**  
Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on April 26, 2023.

**A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 43281 through 43335, the transfer of \$303,638.93 to pay bills, 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 April 2023.
- **Policy Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of April 2023.
- **Public Relations Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of April 2023.

- **Revenue/IT Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of April 2023.
- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**  
There was no meeting held for the month of April 2023.

19. **Additional Public Comment**

There was no additional public comment.

20. **Adjournment**

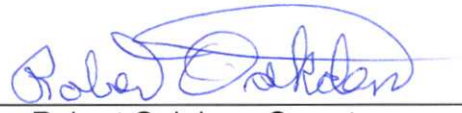
The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 10:00 a.m.



Eric Olsen - President

6-6-23

Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary

6-6-23

Date



NOTES FOR BOARD MEETING:

May 1, 2023

LAHONTAN ELEVATION -----	<u>4130.10</u> ACRE-FEET
LAHONTAN STORAGE -----	<u>78932</u> ACRE-FEET
LAHONTAN OUT FLOW -----	<u>2590</u> CFS
CARSON RIVER FLOW AT FORT CHURCHILL -----	<u>3730</u> CFS
TRUCKEE RIVER FLOW AT VISTA -----	<u>3910</u> CFS
TRUCKEE CANAL FLOW AT WADSWORTH -----	<u>3850</u> CFS
TRUCKEE CANAL AT HAZEN (BANGO) -----	<u>0</u> CFS
TRUCKEE RIVER BELOW DERBY DAM -----	<u>4040</u> CFS
SPILLING AT GILPIN APPROXIMATELY -----	<u>0</u> CFS