

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
October 3, 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, October 3, 2023** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	David Stix Jr. Robert Oakden Lester deBraga Abraham Schank Joseph Gomes Wade Workman	Vice-President Secretary (arrived 9:43) Treasurer Director Director Director (arrived 9:20)
Absent:	Eric Olsen	President
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft Helen-Marie Morrow Kelly Herwick Cody Biggs Mark Solinski	General Manager Finance Manager District Water Master Construction & Maintenance Manager Hydroelectric Facilities Manager

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Kasey King	Self
Leanna Lehman	The Fallon Post
Leanna Hale	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Robert Owen	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Erik Rowley	Self

In-Person Guests	Representing
Robert Martinez	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Laurie Nichols	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Neal McIntyre	City of Fernley
Don Snodgrass	Greenhead Hunting Club
David Serrahn	Self

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**
 Vice-President Stix called the meeting to order in accordance with NRS 241 at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Gomes.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

4. **General Public Comment**

Mr. David Serrahn addressed the Board and offered his apology to the members of the O&M Committee; at the previous O&M Committee meeting he made comments that were taken as threatening and that was not his intention. He requested that his appeal of the O&M Committee's decision (Item # 15) be withdrawn.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Shawcroft reported on the correspondence received during the month of September.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that the District has begun taking water orders for the Truckee Division. An issue has arisen regarding the City of Fernley's lease water program; no paperwork was filed this spring for lessees as there was no season anticipated. The District is willing to deliver the lease water in an effort to ensure that everyone able to accept delivery is accommodated; paperwork just needs to be filed with the City of Fernley and sent to the District office. He will be conducting a tour of Lahontan Dam this afternoon with Melanie Brooks who is visiting from New Zealand.

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

Biggs reported that the RO&M repair of the Truckee Canal liner at Painted Rock will be finished this week. Crews are working in the Truckee Division mowing and burning ditches to prepare for the upcoming season. Rodent holes will be grouted in approximately two weeks. In the Carson Division crews are working on Trouble Calls as they come in.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick reported on current conditions in the Carson Division. See the attached report. There is a crew of ditchriders working in Fernley burning ditches and making sure everything is prepped and ready. Storage in Lake Lahontan at the end of the season is expected to be approximately 220,000 AF.

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

Adams was not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Solinski reported the energy plant production below. The SCADA system at 26' Drop needs to be replaced.

New Lahontan: 800 KW per hour
Old Lahontan: 1,400 KW per hour
26' Drop: 500 KW per hour

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

Neal McIntyre, Mayor – City of Fernley (City), commented that in his new capacity as Mayor of Fernley he was unaware that the District had reserved time during monthly Board meetings for updates from the City. He will ensure that a representative is present going forward. McIntyre commented on efforts the City is expending to find federal financial relief for well owners in Fernley.

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

Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Manager – Stillwater Wildlife Refuge, commented that they are moving water north in the Refuge to prepare for the winter season and in anticipation of additional water being delivered in the spring. Hunting season opens in two weeks.

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

Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, reported that meetings are ongoing and that progress is being made on the Truckee Canal Public Safety Project.

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

Leanna Hale, Land & Water Resource Director, was present but had no report.

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. **Use of Fernley Stockwater Outside Irrigation Season**

At the Board meeting held on September 5, 2023, a discussion was held on the delivery of stockwater outside of the irrigation season in the Truckee Division that is scheduled to conclude 30 days following the start of deliveries on or near the 1st day of November. The Board will receive a recommendation from the General Manager and take possible action on the request to maintain a charged Truckee Canal for purposes of delivering stockwater.

Shawcroft informed the Board of his research into the stockwater question; he has reviewed the language in the Decrees and discussed the matter with the Federal Water Master, Ernie Schank and Rusty Jardine. The conclusion reached by all parties is that keeping the Truckee Canal charged to serve the stockwater lines is in violation of the Decree. Mr. Jardine was drafting a policy before his retirement to adopt this practice, Shawcroft will be bringing the matter before the Policy Committee in the future to consider adopting it as a standard policy. At this time, Shawcroft does not recommend maintaining a charged Truckee Canal for purposes of delivering stockwater.

15. **Appeal of O&M Committee Denial of Damage Claim by David Serrahn**
Deliberation and decision pertaining to the appeal of the O&M Committee decision regarding the Damage Claim in the amount of \$1,500.80 submitted by David Serrahn.

Withdrawn by Mr. Serrahn; see Item # 4.

16. **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of September as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes of September 5, 2023.
- Approval of Special Board Meeting minutes of August 17, 2023.

A motion was made by Director Gomes to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

17. **Committee Reports**

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**
The only action item discussed by the O&M Committee was the damage claim submitted by David Serrahn. Vice-President Stix had nothing further to report.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of September 2023.
- **Employee Relations Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of September 2023.
- **Finance Committee**
Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on October 2, 2023.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 43587 through 43680, as well as online, phone and automatic payments, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Policy Committee**
Vice-President Stix informed the Board that the Policy Committee met on September 21st and recommended to approve the following:
 - **Update to Policy Section E**
Deliberation and decision regarding updates and revisions to Policy Section E: Pump Permits including clarifying the process for revocation of permits, penalties for violations of permit conditions, and the exemption offered to current and former employees from the payment of temporary pump permit fees.

- **Update to Policy Section K**

Deliberation and decision regarding updates and revisions to Policy Section K: Employee Policies and Procedures including the exemption offered to current and former employees from the payment of temporary pump permit fees.

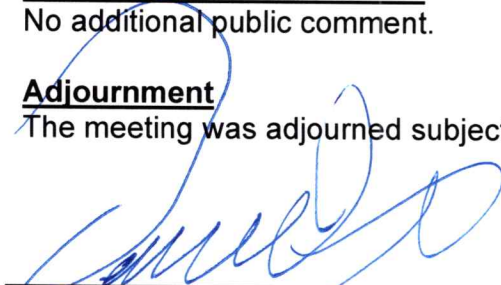
A motion was made by Director Schank to approve Updates to Sections “E” and “K”, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

18. Additional Public Comment

No additional public comment.

19. Adjournment

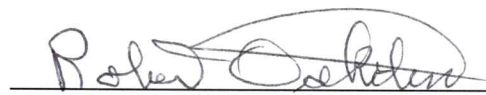
The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 9:46 a.m.



David Stix Jr. – Vice-President

12/5/2023

Date

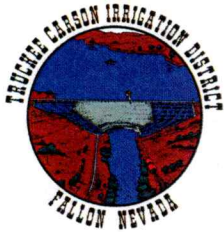


Robert Oakden - Secretary

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Date





Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Newlands Project

10/03/2023

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Rusty D. Jardine, Esq., District Manager &
General Counsel

Board Meeting

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

- **Truckee Div.**
 - TC Canal is off
- **Carson Div.**
 - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: **212** cfs
 - Lahontan Storage: **221,400** acre feet
 - Release below Lahontan: **468**cfs / approx. 927 a.f. at 24hrs
 - Total Inflows: **212** cfs/ approx. 420 a.f. at 24hrs
 - Net loss in 24hrs approximately 507 a.f.

FPST STATUS:

- S7-t25: 10cfs ordered: currently @ 12cfs

Canvasback STATUS:

- S-t78: 12cfs ordered: currently @ 7cfs
- S17-t33: 12cfs ordered: meter currently has a cable issue with readings

USFW STATUS:

- S-t75: 30cfs ordered: currently @ 56cfs
- Bypass: 80cfs ordered: currently @ 101

DISTRIC STATUS:

Truckee Division:

- Orders have been taken as of 10/02 Monday
- A crew is currently in Fernley prepping ditch & canals for Nov. 1 deliveries
- Need to schedule a date for marking TC canal for rodent holes as well as schedule a date to grout the rodent holes

Carson Division:

- Demand approximately 440 cfs & current release 468 cfs
- Based on historical; demand expected to decrease as well as our outflows.

End of Year Storage:

- Oct. avg. 309cfs = 612af 24hrs x 31 days = 18,972 acre feet
- Nov. avg. 118cfs = 234af 24hrs x 15 days = 3,510 acre feet

Based on allocation @ 100% and projected releases for demand for remainder of the year estimates 200,109 a.f. end of season

- End of Season project November 15th