

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**Carson Lake Pasture Advisory Committee**  
 Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting  
**April 25, 2022**

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, April 25, 2022** at 1:00 p.m.

The following Committee members were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes Mike Zahradka Don Snodgrass Robert Stanard Michele Kyte Wes Washburn	Committee Chairman Committee Member (left at 1:45 pm) Nevada Department of Wildlife (Zoom) Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen
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Others Present:	Rusty Jardine Kelly Herwick Helen-Marie Morrow Michele Wisnefski	General Manager District Water Master Finance Manager Assistant Secretary to the Board
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In-Person Guests	Representing
Bryant Behimer	CLP Manager – Independent Contractor
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Bruce Corkill	Grazer
Kenny Lee	Grazer
Flint Lee	Grazer
Bee Lee	Grazer
Ted Guazzini	Grazer
Walter Winder	Grazer

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Isaac Metcalf	Nevada Department of Wildlife

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 1:03 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lester deBraga, Committee Chairman.

3. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**  
A **motion** was made by Committee Member Snodgrass to approve the agenda, seconded by Committee Member Kyte, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. **Public Comment**  
No public comment.

5. **Carson Lake Pasture Operations Recommendation Development for the 2022 Grazing Season**  
Deliberation and decision relating to development of recommendations for operations, including terms and conditions of Pasture grazing and use, contractual covenants, conditions, and terms to be imposed by the State of Nevada, application processes relating to issuance of grazing permits, the amount of fees to be imposed, the number of grazers to be permitted, the total number of animal units to be allowed, the beginning and end times for grazing, Pasture watering practice or practices, authorized entry and facility locking, and any collateral considerations, or limitations, that may impact grazing practice –such as hunting on State Lands.

Discussion highlights included the following:

Bryant Behimer provided an update regarding cattle entering Pasture and Pasture and water conditions as follows:

- 2/3-3/4 of permitted cattle have entered Pasture
- Problems with headgate on L-12 canal
- Stockwater entering Pasture via the L-12 canal; effluent water
- Currently irrigating Pasture with direct flows and drain flows
- Feed conditions are improving
- Mike Zahradka, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) expressed concerns regarding need for water on the York unit to support the invertebrates on which the shorebirds feed during the nesting season. Behimer responded that he would provide water to the York unit as requested.

Upon request of Committee Member Snodgrass at the March 23, 2022 meeting, considering that the 2021 irrigation season ended in August 2021, discussion was had to consider modifying the date from September 1 to an earlier date upon which 100% of drain flows would be utilized to maintain the wildlife marsh areas.

Discussion highlights included the following:

- Per the Fleischmann Agreement, "all water distributed and delivered to the Carson Lake Pasture shall be allocated 50% for irrigation of existing livestock grazing areas and 50% for maintenance of the wildlife marsh areas."
- Historically, since the early 1990's, water was split 50-50 until September 1 upon which time 100% of drain flows were used to maintain wildlife marsh areas.
- Zahradka stated that upon execution of the Grazing Lease Agreement with the District, it was understood that for the term of the five (5) year lease, operations would remain unchanged.

- Rusty Jardine, General Manager and Zahradka discussed plans for an “overarching agreement.”
- Zahradka expressed interest in developing stipulations regarding 50-50 split in years in which climate and water condition warranted an early end to the irrigation season.
- Don Snodgrass, Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. estimated that 20% of water sent across portions of the Sprig, York and Rice grazing areas reaches the wildlife marsh area.
- Snodgrass asked the Committee to consider splitting water at time of delivery or a specified time before the end of the season.
- Snodgrass asked the Committee to consider measuring drain flows. Alternatives were discussed. Jardine stated that he would talk to Mike Adams, Systems & Technologies Manager, regarding measurement sites.
- Snodgrass estimated that in a 70% water year, with the irrigation season ending in October, there is a 30% reduction of water reaching the wildlife marsh area.
- Snodgrass stated that the September 1 date was arrived at in the early 1990’s as delivery of 20% of return flows of water was not occurring as specified in the Fleischmann Agreement. Therefore, 100% of drain flows would be delivered to the wildlife marsh area starting September 1.
- deBraga suggested that a “cutoff point” (i.e. 70%) be established with a corresponding date to which 100% of drain flows be delivered to the wildlife marsh area. Jardine responded suggesting that a recommendation be developed with NDOW concurrence.
- Snodgrass stated that taking water prior to July creates problems with botulism.
- It was determined that drain flows would be split 50-50 in accordance with the Fleischman Agreement. In addition, 100% of drain flows will be delivered to the wildlife marsh area starting September 1 pending a recommendation be approved regarding delivery of drain flow in the event of an early irrigation season shutoff.

Jacob Ward, Wildlife Technician, NDOW, discussed wildlife fence alternatives. Behimer suggested starting fence construction on the east side of the Pasture to keep cattle off the wildlife marsh area. Ward said there was consensus to start fence construction on the south end of the Big Water Unit and the east side of the Sprig Unit.

**6. Consent Agenda**

No action was taken regarding approval of consent agenda as no quorum was present to approve the minutes.

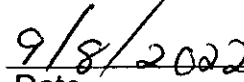
**7. Additional Public Comment**

No public comment.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Committee Chairman at 2:18 p.m.

  
Lester deBraga, Committee Chairman

  
Date