

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
October 4, 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, October 4, 2022** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen	President
	David Stix Jr.	Vice-President
	Robert Oakden	Secretary
	Lester deBraga	Treasurer
	Joseph Gomes	Director
	Wade Workman	Director
	Abrahm Schank	Director

Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft	General Manager
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master
	Cody Biggs	Construction/Maintenance Manager
	Ariel Tomb	Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Jason Villarreal	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Laurie Nicholas	Bureau of Reclamation
Raija Bushnell	Farmer's Conservation Alliance
Adrina Cohen	Self
Bethany Chagnon	US Fish & Wildlife
Rachel Dahl	The Fallon Post

In-Person Guests	Representing
Don Snodgrass	Greenhead Hunting Club

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 Vice-President Stix.

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 September 2022.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Ben Shawcroft, General Manager, reported that he attended the Nevada Water Resource Association Fall Symposium and gave a presentation on the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project. He received the first draft of the lease agreement from Lahontan Solar LLC, he provided review comments and returned the agreement for further development. The District has implemented a new benefit for its employees. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers counseling services, financial education and discounted legal services. Shawcroft also reported that the receptionist position has been filled by a previous employee, Michele Wisnefski.

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

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager, reported he has concrete crews working on the RD meter and S22 meter. The Harmon Drain is being cleaned and the Harmon Outlet gates are being replaced and meter boxes installed. Cody reported an accident on Sheckler Road that involved the District's new dump truck. The driver was not harmed and the truck is not badly damaged. It is scheduled for repair at Peterbilt. The other driver was at fault.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Kelly Herwick, District Water Master, provided the attached report (Exhibit A) detailing current conditions, forecasts and District operations. He has a meeting scheduled with the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe to discuss the end of season.

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

Not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**

Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager, reported that the Old Lahontan Power Station is running at maximum capacity producing 525 kw, New Lahontan Power Station is currently offline, and the 26' Drop Power Station is producing 500 kw, they are pushing 200 cfs through the right side. Mark and his staff have started working on the Lahontan Tower gate project; removing gate stems and guides and setting up the barge to remove the gates for sandblasting. The gates should be able to be removed in mid-November. Once shut down occurs, the penstock will be inspected.

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 duck season is opening.

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

Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, thanked the District for the timely submittal of the Water Conservation Report. There is a meeting scheduled next week to discuss the Truckee Canal stage gages. The last reported soft start date for the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project was February 1, 2023.

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

There was no representative present to 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. **Farmer's Conservation Alliance (FCA) – General Updates**

Raija Bushnell, Watershed Planning Program Manager, reported that the Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR) has been started to see if the District is eligible for PL566 funds through NRCS. The System Improvement Plan (SIP) has also been started in cooperation with Lumos Engineering; both reports should be completed by the end of the year.

15. **Agreement with Nevada Deferred Compensation Program Committee**

Deliberation and decision relating to TCID's application to join the Nevada Deferred Compensation Program. The program is a voluntary retirement savings plan being offered to TCID employees which is designed to increase personal savings for retirement. To join the plan, the Board must authorize the signing of an Interlocal Contract with the State of Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Committee.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the Agreement with the Nevada Deferred Compensation Program Committee, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

16. **Consent Agenda Items**

- Approval of Director's compensation as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022.
- Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2022.
- Approval of Letter of Agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the District for reimbursement of all costs incurred by Reclamation resulting from the District's request to perform NEPA and cultural coordination activities for the District's FY 2023 Proposed Projects.

A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

17. Committee Reports

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

Vice-President Stix reported that the Committee met on September 15th; there were three (3) construction applications, two (2) for approval and one for information only.

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

Treasurer deBraga reported that the conditions in the Pasture are good. There is a meeting scheduled on October 24th at 9:00 a.m. for the grazers to inspect conditions and form a recommendation for the end of season.

- **Employee Relations Committee**

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

- **Finance Committee**

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on October 3, 2022. There are two accounts with very old outstanding finance charges: the State of Nevada Department of Conservation in the amount of \$592.20 and the State of Nevada Division of Lands in the amount of \$681.32. The Committee is recommending writing off those charges to balance the books.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 42768 through 42868, online, phone and automatic payments, and the write off of the delinquent finance charges, seconded by Director Workman,

Amendment by Treasurer deBraga to add the transfer of \$30,683.16 to pay bills, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the amendment was unanimously approved.

Request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Negotiations Committee**

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

- **Policy Committee**

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

- **Public Relations Committee**

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

- **Revenue/IT Committee**

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

- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**

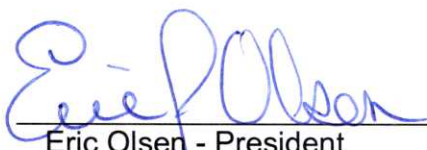
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18. Additional Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 9:51 a.m.


Eric Olsen - President

11/1/22
Date


Robert Oakden - Secretary

11/1/22
Date





Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Newlands Project

10/04/2022

BOARD MEETING

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

- **Truckee Div.**
 - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 323cfs
 - Truckee Canal: 193cfs
 - < 1cfs in Gilpen Spill
 - 189cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
 - Water Master "Derby flow Target": 80cfs
 - Below Derby Gauge: 132cfs
 - 152cfs at TC canal at Hazen
- **Carson Div.**
 - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: < 1
 - Lahontan Storage: 17,410 a.f.
 - Release below Lahontan: 354cfs
 - Total Inflows: 153cfs/ approx. 303 a.f. at 24hrs

DISTRICT STATUS:

Last Day of Orders

- Carson Division: October 7th
- Truckee Division: October 25th

Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe End of Season Meeting

- Scheduled October 6th Thursday @ 1pm

USFW orders: Ended & updating orders for end of season run out
Canvasback orders: S-t78 15cfs/ actual 13cfs; S17-t33 15cfs/ actual 17cfs
NDOW orders: Ended & updating orders for end of season run out

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

NOTES FOR BOARD MEETING:

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LAHONTAN ELEVATION -----	<u>4103.57</u> ACRE-FEET
LAHONTAN STORAGE -----	<u>17,410</u> ACRE-FEET
LAHONTAN OUT FLOW -----	<u>354</u> CFS
CARSON RIVER FLOW AT FORT CHURCHILL -----	<u>1</u> CFS
TRUCKEE RIVER FLOW AT VISTA -----	<u>323</u> CFS
TRUCKEE CANAL FLOW AT WADSWORTH -----	<u>118</u> CFS
TRUCKEE CANAL AT HAZEN (BANGO) -----	<u>152</u> CFS
TRUCKEE RIVER BELOW DERBY DAM -----	<u>123</u> CFS
SPILLING AT GILPIN APPROXIMATELY -----	<u>1</u> CFS