

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024

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, January 2, 2024** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	David Stix Jr.	Vice-President
	Robert Oakden	Secretary
	Lester deBraga	Treasurer
	Abraham Schank	Director
	Joseph Gomes	Director
	Wade Workman	Director
Absent:	Eric Olsen	President
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft	General Manager (Zoom)
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Cody Biggs	Construction & Maintenance Manager
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master
	Mark Solinski	Hydro-electric Facilities Manager
	Ariel Tomb	Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Scott Fenema	Federal Water Master's Office
Carl Lunderstadt	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Rachel Dahl	The Fallon Post

In-Person Guests	Representing
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Laurie Nicholas	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Holt Bogdanowicz	Self
Greg Snell	Self
Ida Adams	TCID
Juanita George	TCID

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 Workman.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

4. **General Public Comment**

Ida Adams and Juanita George addressed the Board with a reminder for the upcoming election in April; Directors in divisions One, Three and Four are up for re-election.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Vice-President Stix informed the Board that the District received a very nice letter from an individual in Fernley expressing thanks for getting the water turned back on.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

- **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**
Shawcroft reported that he is working on end of year reports and a contract for the purchase of hydro power. Work on amending the 5 Year Strategic Plan is ongoing; he is expecting to have it finished in time for the next meeting.
- **Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager**
Biggs reported the concrete crew is working on the A15 and A15-1. The tree crew is on the V4 for another two weeks, then will be moving to the S-Line and R-Head. Cleaning the Carson River channel began today.
- **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**
Herwick reported on current conditions. See attached report.
- **Mike Adams, Systems & Technologies Manager**
Adams was not present to report.
- **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**
Solinski reported the bowl at Old Lahontan was pumped out and cleaned. Next week he will be taking measurements for the new runners at 26' Drop. Both Old and New Lahontan are ready to run.

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

No representative was present to report.

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

Carl Lunderstadt, Refuge Manager – Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, was present but had no report.

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

Jack Worsley, Area Manager, reported that the Truckee Canal contractor will be back on site next week to finish covering the last 300' of liner. A Risk Assessment Team is scheduled to inspect the Canal in late January. There have been some changes at the Bureau regional office; Carl Stock is the new Regional Director replacing Ernest Conant who retired.

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

Jacob Ward, Wildlife Technician, reported he will be attending training until February 9th so the person to contact during that time will be Isaac Metcalf. Hunting season has been slow.

14. Preparation of Annual Assessment Book

Deliberation and decision relating to preparation and approval of the annual assessment book created by the District Assessor, Robert Oakden, Board Secretary, containing a full and accurate description of all land in the District, and a list of the persons who own, claim or have possession or control thereof, during the year, giving the number of acres listed to each person as provided for by NRS 539.667.

Secretary Oakden commented that a copy of the Assessment Book was available for anyone who wished to review it.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the Annual Assessment Book, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

15. Approval of the Proposal by Truckee Donner Public Utilities District for the Purchase of Hydroelectric Power

Deliberation and decision regarding approval of a contract with the Truckee Donner Public Utilities District for the sale of hydroelectric power generated by TCID. The proposal is for TCID to sell the hydropower and related energy credits at the rate of \$46.50 per MWh for a term of 2 years and an option to renew for an additional 3 years. The TCID Revenue Committee has reviewed the proposal and is recommending approval of the contract.

This item was tabled until the February meeting.

16. Grant Award R22AC00022 Truckee-Carson Irrigation District for Airborne Snow Observatory Driven Forecasting in the Truckee-Carson Basins

Deliberation and decision approving an assistance agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for a grant being awarded to TCID for Airborne Snow Observatory Driven Forecasting in the Truckee-Carson Basins. The forecasting provided by these flights is valuable to TCID in managing the spring runoff.

General Manager Shawcroft provided the Board with an overview of the grant. This will provide \$3 million to fund the Airborne Snow Observatory (ASO) flights that the District relies on data from. There is no cost to the District to accept this grant.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve an assistance agreement for Grant Award R22AC00022, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

17. **Appeal of O&M Committee Denial of Damage Claim by LaDawn Graham**
Deliberation and decision pertaining to the appeal of the O&M Committee decision regarding the Damage Claim in the amount of \$23,465.00 submitted by LaDawn Graham.

Ms. Graham was not present for the meeting. General Manager Shawcroft provided the Board an overview of her claim and the reasons the O&M Committee denied it.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to deny the appeal of the Damage Claim submitted by LaDawn Graham, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

18. **Consent Agenda**

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

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

19. **Committee Reports**

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**
Chairman Stix reported that the Committee reviewed two damage claims at the December meeting.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**

Carson Lake Pasture Grazing Management Contract

Deliberation and decision by the Board of Directors relating to approval of recommendations associated with the contract for management of grazing (also known as the "Cowboy Contract") for the 2024 season at the Carson Lake Pasture, in Churchill County, Nevada, by and between the Truckee-Carson

Irrigation District and Holt Bogdanowicz - as an independent contractor. Terms and conditions of the contract include, without limitation, the rate of compensation (\$39,226.00), term, reciprocal duties and expectations relating to pasture management.

Treasurer deBraga reported the Committee reviewed three applications and voted to recommend Holt Bogdanowicz for the position of Pasture Manager.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Carson Lake Pasture Grazing Management Contract with Holt Bogdanowicz, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Employee Relations Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of December 2023.

- **Finance Committee**

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on December 28, 2023.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 43821 through 43911, the transfer of \$238,855.11 to pay bills as well as automatic, online and phone payments, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Policy Committee**

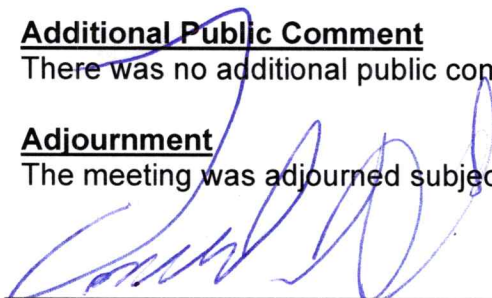
There was no meeting held for the month of December 2023.

20. **Additional Public Comment**

There was no additional public comment.


21. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board Vice-President at 9:32 a.m.



David Stix Jr. - Vice-President
2/6/2024

Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary
2/6/2024

Date