

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**Carson Lake Pasture Advisory Committee**  
 Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting  
**January 19, 2023**

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 **Thursday, January 19, 2023** at 1:30 p.m.

The following Committee members were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes Mike Zahradka Don Snodgrass Wes Washburn	Committee Chairman Committee Member Nevada Department of Wildlife (Zoom) Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen
Absent:	Michele Kyte Gibb Mackedon	Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc.
Others Present:	Ben Shawcroft Kelly Herwick Mike Adams Helen-Marie Morrow Ariel Tomb	General Manager District Water Master Systems & Technology Manager Finance Manager Assistant Secretary to the Board

In-Person Guests	Representing
Bryant Behimer	CLP Manager – Independent Contractor
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Walter Winder	Grazer
Flint Lee	Grazer
Bruce Corkill	Grazer

Teleconference Guests	Representing
Trevor deBraga	Grazer

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 1:39 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Helen-Marie Morrow.
3. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the agenda, seconded by Committee Member Snodgrass, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**4. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**5. Carson Lake Pasture Grazing Management Contract**

*Deliberation and decision relating to recommendations associated with contract for management of grazing (also known as the "Cowboy Contract") for the 2023 season at the Carson Lake Pasture, in Churchill County, Nevada, by and between the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District and Bryant Behimer -as an independent contractor. Terms and conditions of the contract include, without limitation, the rate of compensation, term, reciprocal duties and expectations relating to Pasture management. Any such recommendations relating to the Carson Lake Pasture Grazing Management Contract are subject to final approval by the Board of Directors at a subsequent meeting thereof.*

Discussion was led by Committee Member Shawcroft regarding the Cowboy Contract; Mr. Behimer is willing to continue the Contract for the 2023 season. The effective dates of the Contract will be changed to March 15 through to 14 days following the closing date of the Pasture (typically November 15) to promote better communication at the time of Pasture closing.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to recommend approval of the Cowboy Contract for the 2023 season, seconded by Committee Member Washburn, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**6. Carson Lake Pasture Operations Review for the 2022 Grazing Season and Development of Recommendations Including New Regulations Governing Carson Lake Pasture Operations for the 2023 Grazing Season**

*Deliberation and decision, upon review of Carson Lake Pasture Operations, to be conducted by the Carson Lake Pasture Committee, for operations performed by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District during the 2022 grazing season, under Agreement with the State of Nevada, through the Nevada Division of Wildlife, for development of recommendations for new or revised Pasture regulations and/or new or revised Pasture policies governing Pasture operations for the 2023 grazing season and recommendation of the animal unit monthly rate for fees and insect control. The Committee may also review the terms and conditions of the Agreement had by the District with the State of Nevada for management of Pasture lands, and the Agreement had by the District with the Pasture Manager responsible for Pasture grazing oversight, and may upon review of all such matters provide recommendations to the Board for changes or modifications to such agreements. Any such recommendations relating to new or revised regulations, policies, or agreement modifications are subject to final approval by the Board of Directors at a subsequent meeting thereof.*

Discussion was led by Pasture Manager Behimer regarding review of the 2022 season; Behimer made the Committee and grazers aware that the Policy enforcement would be much more stringent in the upcoming season as a result of actions taken during the prior season.

Behimer also requested additional manpower from the Committee for counting cattle exiting the Pasture at the time of season end. He cannot be at every exit point at once and having at least one additional counter would help manage the load. Mike Adams, Systems & Technology Manager, suggested implementing RFID tags for the cows. This would eliminate the need to physically count each cow as it exits, the cows would be scanned as they entered the trailer and each tag registered and counted with the scanning tool. Discussion followed regarding pricing for tags and scanners and the feasibility of such technology. Camera installations for the purposes of counting were also discussed. For the time being the Committee elected to send a District employee to assist with counting cows exiting the Pasture.

Walter Winder, Grazer, commented that the Policy describing old and new users is inconsistent and could use clarification and polish.

**7. Relating to the Carson Lake Pasture Locks and Distribution of Gate Keys**  
*Deliberation and decision relating to access and assignment of gate keys for the Carson Lake Pasture.*

Mike Adams, Systems & Technology Manager, updated the Committee on the status of the gate locks and key replacements. He provided two (2) quotes; the pricing will depend on how many gates need locks. Using the GIS maps, Adams identified 20 gates providing some form of access to the Pasture. He requested input from the Committee and Pasture Manager Behimer as to which access points are currently used and if any can be eliminated. Following discussion, it was determined that Pasture Manager Behimer would meet with Adams to review the maps and determine which access points are still in use.

Once locks are in place, keys will be issued to the current grazers. Each grazer may receive up to two (2) keys and will be required to pay a \$150 deposit per key. At such time that the grazer is no longer using the Pasture, the keys may be returned and the deposit refunded.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Washburn to approve the key plan as presented, seconded by Committee Member Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**8. Master Agreement for Administration at Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area**  
*Deliberation and decision, in formulating recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, for its final approval, relating to a proposed State of Nevada Department of Wildlife and District Master Agreement for Administration at the Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area. The Carson Lake and Pasture was transferred from ownership of the United States to the State of Nevada in*

*2021. The District manages grazing activity under another agreement with the State of Nevada at the Carson Lake Pasture. This Agreement is intended to provide the parties with both general and specific guidance of a permanent nature relating to Carson Lake Wildlife Management -touching matters not regularly borne by a grazing agreement.*

Committee Member Shawcroft has sent back the most recent copy of the Master Agreement with comments for edits. Once the Agreement is considered complete by both parties, draft copies will be made available to the grazers for their review prior to the Agreement being presented for approval.

**9. Wildlife Fence**

*Discussion and possible decision relating to final design placement of the Wildlife Fence.*

Jake Ward, Wildlife Service Technician, led the discussion regarding final placement of the Wildlife Fence. Option 1 as shown on the map is the most preferred, as it will keep the fence out of standing water as much as possible. A decision from the Committee is requested by the next meeting to facilitate ordering supplies and beginning work on the Fence.

**10. Consent Agenda**

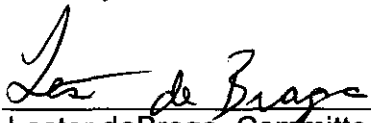
**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting, seconded by Committee Member Shawcroft, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

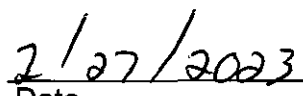
**11. Additional Public Comment**

Chairman deBraga asked Pasture Manager Behimer if he thought April 1 would be a safe bet to open the Pasture; Behimer replied that he visited the Pasture last week and there is significant flooding. He is reluctant to offer any recommendation as to Pasture dates as of yet.

**12. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Committee Chairman at 2:58 p.m.**

  
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Lester deBraga, Committee Chairman

  
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