

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Special Session Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, in the counties of Churchill and Lyon, State of Nevada, met in Special Session at the Churchill County Commission Chambers, 155 N. Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada, for the Carson Division Annual Water User's Meeting on **Thursday, March 17, 2022** at 6:00 p.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen Robert Oakden Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes	President Secretary Treasurer Director
Absent:	David Stix Jr. Abraham Schank Wade Workman	Vice-President Director Director
Others Present:	Rusty Jardine Helen-Marie Morrow Cody Biggs Mark Solinski Jacob Morford Kelly Herwick Ariel Tomb	General Manager Finance Manager Construction/Maintenance Manager Hydroelectric Facilities Manager Hydro Technician District Water Master Receptionist

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Steve King	Legal Counsel
Unknown Caller	Unknown

In-Person Guests	Representing
Carla Pomeroy	Self
Patty Daniels	Self
Mike Wargo	Self
Steve Skods	Self
Kim Urso	Self
Tom Urso	Self
Dana Weishaupt	Self
Thayne Hammond	Self
Benjamin Shawcroft	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**

President Olsen called the meeting to order in accordance with NRS 241 at 6:04 p.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 Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. **General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

5. **Special Report: Truckee Canal XM Project and District Irrigation Modernization**

Rusty Jardine, General Manager, provided an overview of the Truckee Canal (Canal) XM Project history and the plan going forward. The scope of the Project has been reduced from the original 12 mile lining to the lining of 3.5 miles, replacing the Fernley Check, modification of the Bango Check, and the armoring of Pour Point 8. This project is important to the residents of the Carson Division as the Truckee Canal is an important method of transferring water from the Truckee River to Lahontan Reservoir for use in the Carson Valley. Members of the public in attendance presented questions regarding the engineering of the project and backup plans for funding the project. The issue regarding groundwater recharge from the Canal was unable to be discussed due to ongoing litigation. There was also discussion regarding the City of Fernley's new takeout.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Rusty Jardine, General Manager**

Rusty Jardine reported on the status of the District for the 2022 season, including the Director election results and his upcoming retirement.

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

Cody Biggs reported that all the off-season projects are being finished, trouble calls are being finished up and crews are starting to burn and flush the system. Cody asked the water users to continue to call in trouble calls as they are an important means of communicating issues.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Kelly Herwick reported that during the off-season his department has been testing a new program that is being developed by the Bureau of Reclamation called TCIDWORKS. The program will be used to improve the ordering and scheduling process. Staff are hopeful it will be implemented by the 2023 water season. Truckee Division conditions are looking good, flows in the Truckee Canal are rising and staff will be watching the water levels carefully. The Carson Division allocation was set at 70%. January and February were historically dry months. Typically in a 70% year the season will last until September. The system is being prepped to start deliveries for early orders. Kelly asked that if ditches need burning or maintenance to please call and notify the District office.

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

Not present to report.

- **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**

Mark Solinski reported that all three (3) power plants are in good running condition. He is in the process of looking for grants to improve the 26' Drop Power Station.

7. **Bureau of Reclamation**

Robert Martinez –Newlands Project Coordinator for the Bureau of Reclamation was present to answer questions but had no report.

8. **2022 Water Users' Meeting, Carson Division**

General Manager Jardine informed the water users that the Board had set the allocation for the 2022 season at 70% with orders being taken starting March 15th. Water Master Herwick asked water users to anticipate water already being scheduled out 48 – 72 hours when orders are being placed. The online schedule will be available again this season; he encouraged users to use this tool to keep an eye on the schedule for their lateral. Herwick also encouraged users to call him with any questions or concerns regarding their scheduling and he will work with them.

9. **Additional Public Comment**

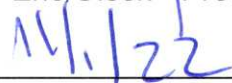
General Manager Jardine commented on a recent article in the New York Times blaming farmers for deteriorating environmental conditions. Jardine informed the public that the District is affiliated with the National Water Rights Association (NWRA) and the Family Farm Alliance (FFA) to continue to teach the general public about food production and the importance of agriculture.

10. **Adjournment**

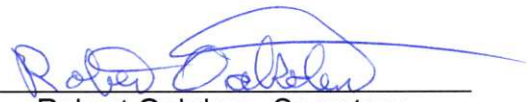
The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 7:25 p.m.



Eric Olsen - President



Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary



Date

