

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the  
**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
 Special Session Board Meeting Minutes  
**March 21, 2023**

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 Chamber, 155 North Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada, on **Tuesday, March 21, 2023** 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. Abrahm Schank Wade Workman	Vice-President Director Director
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft Helen-Marie Morrow Cody Biggs Kelly Herwick Ariel Tomb	General Manager Finance Manager Construction/Maintenance Manager District Water Master Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Mark Solinski	Truckee-Carson Irrigation District
Joe Frey	Self
Jennifer Thomas	Self
Karen Nichols	Self
Austin George	Self

In-Person Guests	Representing
Doug Stephens	Self
Bill Chambers	Self
Lisette Kroepelin	Self
Dan Wolf	Self
Julie Wolf	Self
Marie Duncan	Self
Carla Pomeroy	Self
Lauri Deem	Self
Roger Deem	Self
Brandon Sorensen	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 6:03 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Helen-Marie Morrow.

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**

There was no public comment.

5. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Ben Shawcroft, General Manager, introduced himself to the attendees and reported on the current activities of the District. The new O&M contract with the Bureau of Reclamation came into effect in January 2022; the District has now been operating under the new conditions for 15 months. The District enjoys a good working relationship with the Bureau of Reclamation, particularly the staff at the Lahontan Basin Area Office.

The Truckee Canal Safety Project is currently in progress; there have been delays caused by the weather but as of now, the contractor has not asked for an extension of the completion date.

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

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager, reported that his crews are cleaning the Big Dig to try and increase flow rates and minimize the impact on the Carson Lake Pasture. He requested the water users call in maintenance requests to the office as they see issues. He also informed the public that anyone who is working with NRCS to improve their ditches that will want new structures built will need to turn in a construction application to the District before the start of the water year. This will allow time for the request to be processed and added to the construction schedule for the next off season.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Kelly Herwick, District Water Master, reported on current conditions in the Carson Division. See the attached report.

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

Not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Mark was present but had no report.

6. **Bureau of Reclamation**

*Introduction of staff from the Bureau of Reclamation, Lahontan Basin Area Office, and review of current projects and status of business items.*

The Bureau of Reclamation was unable to be present at the meeting.

7. **2023 Water Users' Meeting, Carson Division**

*Discussion regarding the commencement of the 2023 irrigation season in the Carson Division, review of Rules and Regulations for the Delivery of Water, review of subdivision rules and responsibilities and processes, and statement of 2023 allocation.*

The District began flood operations on March 6<sup>th</sup>, and began taking spread water orders March 13<sup>th</sup>. The allocation for the Carson Division has been set at 100% and the season start date was set as March 14<sup>th</sup>. Currently the District is asking anyone who is able to receive delivery of water to consider placing a spread water order; at this time it is estimated that spread water will continue until the end of May.

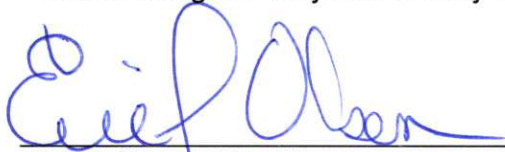
The allocation letters should be going out in the next week or two.

8. **Additional Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 6:40 p.m.



Eric Olsen –President

4-4-23

Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary

4-4-23

Date