

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the  
**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes  
**December 6, 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, December 6, 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
	Abrahm Schank	Director
	Wade Workman	Director

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

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Bethany Chagnon	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Rachel Dahl	The Fallon Post

In-Person Guests	Representing
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Julie O'Shea	Farmer's Conservation Alliance
Raija Bushnell	Farmer's Conservation Alliance

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 Raija Bushnell.
  
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. **Recognition of Service**

*Recognition of Merliza Curtis, Water System Coordinator for the District, for 20 years of dedicated service.*

General Manager Shawcroft thanked Merliza for her years of service and presented her with a gift from the District.

6. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

General Manager Shawcroft provided an overview of correspondence sent during the month of November 2022.

7. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Ben Shawcroft, General Manager, commented that he met with Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton during his trip to the NWRA Conference last month. Also at that conference, Rusty Jardine and Ernie Schank were granted Lifetime Achievement awards - which Ben accepted on their behalf. The District has been accepted into the Nevada Deferred Compensation Program, and he is excited to be able to offer the program to the District employees. He has been working with the Federal Water Master on recoupment accounting. The District has received the first lease payment from Lahontan Solar LLC. Ben extended an invitation to the Board members to join the Office Christmas potluck planned for December 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager, reported his crews are working on meter sites, the tree crew is moving from the L1-7 to the A15, they are working on trouble calls and gate replacements.

• **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 Manager**

Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager, reported he is working on sandblasting the Tower gates. An employee is on the way to Arizona to pick up the stems at this time. A power pole at New Lahontan caught fire and will need to be replaced.

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

There was no representative present to report.

9. **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) – General Updates**  
Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Project Leader, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, reported that swans are still at the Refuge. They have a contractor on site working on some projects and doing winter maintenance. Bethany thanked the District for putting together a meeting with the State Engineer.
10. **Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) Representative(s) – General Updates**  
Jack Worsley, Lahontan Basin Area Office Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, reported the contractor has begun work inside the Truckee Canal and has begun mobilization of their workforce. They will be pouring concrete test panels. City of Fernley will begin removing sheet piles this week or next. There is a meeting scheduled with Lyon County on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
11. **Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST) – General Updates**  
There was no representative present to report.
12. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) – General Updates**  
There was no representative present to report.
13. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – General Updates**  
There was no representative present to report.
14. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) – General Updates**  
There was no representative present to report.
15. **Farmer’s Conservation Alliance (FCA) – General Updates**  
Raija Bushnell, Watershed Planning Program Manager, thanked the District for hosting them in person. The System Improvement Plan draft is ready to be presented and will be discussed at a meeting later this afternoon.
16. **Agreement for Sale of Renewable Energy Credits**  
*Deliberation and decision by the Board of Directors for approval for sale of renewable energy credits (REC’s) produced at the 26’ Drop Power Plant and Old Lahontan Power Plant in Churchill County to Nevada Gold Mines. Nevada Gold Mines is in agreement to raise the purchase rate from \$6.55 to \$6.65. The current agreement expires December 31, 2022.*  
  
**A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the Agreement for Sale of Renewable Energy Credits, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**
17. **Approval of Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Employee Association Agreement**  
*Deliberation and decision relating to the approval of updates to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Employee Association Agreement (which expired November 6, 2022); The updated agreement to be effective 11/27/2022 and remain in effect until 11/27/2027.*

**A motion was made by Director Schank to approve the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Employee Association Agreement, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**18. Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Director's compensation as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2020.
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2022.

**A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was approved with one abstention (Vice-President Stix).**

**19. Committee Reports**

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of November 2022.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**  
Treasurer deBraga (CLP Committee Chairman) reported the season ended on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Master Agreement with NDOW has been returned with edits.
- **Employee Relations Committee**  
There was a meeting held on November 16<sup>th</sup> to finalize the Employee Association agreement.
- **Finance Committee**  
Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on December 5, 2022.

**A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 42931 through 42967, the transfer of \$124,920.12, online, phone and automatic payments, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

- **Negotiations Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of November 2022.
- **Policy Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of November 2022.
- **Public Relations Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of November 2022.
- **Revenue/IT Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of November 2022.

- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**

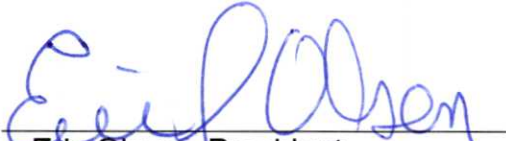
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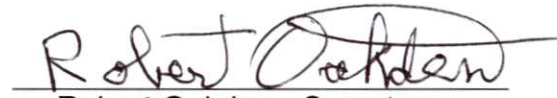
20. **Additional Public Comment**

There was no additional public comment.

21. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 10:11 a.m.

  
Eric Olsen - President  
2-7-23  
Date

  
Robert Oakden - Secretary  
2-7-23  
Date



NOTES FOR BOARD MEETING:

December 6, 2022

LAHONTAN ELEVATION -----	<u>4107.16</u> ACRE-FEET
LAHONTAN STORAGE -----	<u>22,326</u> ACRE-FEET
LAHONTAN OUT FLOW -----	<u>2</u> CFS
CARSON RIVER FLOW AT FORT CHURCHILL -----	<u>108</u> CFS
TRUCKEE RIVER FLOW AT VISTA -----	<u>195</u> CFS
TRUCKEE CANAL FLOW AT WADSWORTH -----	<u>0</u> CFS
TRUCKEE CANAL AT HAZEN (BANGO) -----	<u>0</u> CFS
TRUCKEE RIVER BELOW DERBY DAM -----	<u>273</u> CFS
SPILLING AT GILPIN APPROXIMATELY -----	<u>0</u> CFS