

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Special Session Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2024

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 North Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada, on **Thursday, March 28, 2024** at 6:00 p.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen	President
	Robert Oakden	Secretary
	Lester deBraga	Treasurer
	Joseph Gomes	Director
	Abrahm Schank	Director
	Wade Workman	Director
Absent:	David Stix Jr.	Vice-President
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft	General Manager
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Cody Biggs	Construction/Maintenance Manager
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master
	Anthony Berreman	Assistant Scheduler
	Ariel Tomb	Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
TJ	Self

In-Person Guests	Representing
Chris Rogne	EH Hursh Insurance
Ernie Schank	Self
Bill & Sue Chambers	Self
Dan & Julie Wolf	Self
Carl Lunderstadt	United States Fish & Wildlife
Mark Kolwyck	Self
Suzi Boatman	Self
Mike Olsen	Self
Alexandria Manskie	Self
James Ball	Self
Rully/Shere	Self
Thayne Hammond	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 President Olsen.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

A **motion** was made by Director Schank 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, reported that the Board had set a 100% allocation for both divisions. Lake Lahontan is full, they are watching the forecast and models very carefully. The Truckee Canal Public Safety Project is approximately 98% complete; the contractor is putting the finishing touches on the Fernley Check. The Bureau will be conducting a new risk assessment on the Canal which will hopefully result in an increase to the flow restrictions. A large seep was discovered downstream of Derby Dam, a repair is in the works. The Board approved a rate increase at the last Board meeting; the following increases will be in effect July 1, 2024.

- Minimum acreage requirement is increased to 7.17 acres
- The minimum acreage fee is increased to \$380
- The administrative fee is increased to \$140
- The O&M charge is increased to \$53 per acre

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

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager, requested water users to inform the ditchriders of needed maintenance or to call the office and place trouble calls.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Kelly Herwick, District Water Master, reported that the Truckee Canal is currently off. Deliveries have started in the Carson Division. Both divisions have a 100% allocation, and deliveries are expected to be running through November 15th. As there is an abundance of water from the Carson River this year, no diversions will be allowed from the Truckee River. Ditchriders will begin burning and flushing the system around the beginning of April. The 2024 Rules and Regs are available, and they hold a lot of useful information. He has some tools available to help subdivision coordinators and he encouraged users to call him at the office.

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

Not present to report.

- **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**
Not present to 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. **2024 Water Users' Meeting, Carson Division**

Discussion regarding the commencement of the 2024 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 2024 allocation.

See Item # 5 for this discussion.

8. **Policy of Insurance for the District's New Lahontan Power Plant**

Deliberation and decision relating to approval/denial of a policy of insurance coverage for the District's New Lahontan Power Plant located at Lahontan Dam in Churchill County, Nevada, by ACE American. Approval of a policy, including cost, policy limits, exclusions, business interruption coverage, and/or other conditions, will also include, and be made subject to, a determination of a replacement value and/or anticipated construction costs for a power plant facility by reference to the Handy Whitman Index, the facility's original cost of construction, and/or other factors.

Chris Rogne, EH Hursh Insurance, presented the Board with a quote for the policy renewal at New Lahontan Power Plant. In the past the coverage has only been for New Lahontan, now we are able to include all three (3) power plants under the policy which offers a significant increase in value. This is an All Risk Coverage plan which excludes flood and earthquake damage and the District has selected a \$100,000 deductible. The premium comes to \$124,254 per year for all three plants.

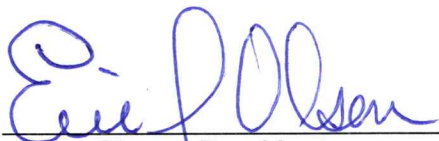
A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to accept the insurance proposal, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.


9. **Additional Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 6:36 p.m.


Eric Olsen - President
7-21-24
Date


Robert Oakden - Secretary
7/2/24
Date