

TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Carson Lake Pasture Advisory Committee
 Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting
March 14, 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 **Tuesday, March 14, 2023** at 8:00 a.m.

The following Committee members were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes Mike Zahradka Don Snodgrass Gibb Mackedon Wes Washburn	Committee Chairman Committee Member Nevada Department of Wildlife (Zoom) Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen
Absent:	Michele Kyte	Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen
Others Present:	Ben Shawcroft Kelly Herwick Cody Biggs Mike Adams Helen-Marie Morrow Ariel Tomb	General Manager District Water Master Construction & Maintenance Manager 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
Dennis Lee	Grazer
Aaron Williams	Grazer
Jeri Guazzini	Grazer

Teleconference Guests	Representing
Trevor deBraga	Grazer
Scott Swan	Naval Air Station Fallon
Isaac Metcalf	Nevada Department of Wildlife

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 8:04 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman deBraga.

3. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

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

4. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

5. **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 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. 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.

Due to Flood Operations ongoing and the use of Carson Lake Pasture for flood waters the Committee will be reviewing conditions to determine any change in season or allowed livestock.

General Manager Shawcroft opened the discussion by informing the Committee of the flood operations that have taken place since the last meeting. The V-Line Weir has been in operation and is sending approximately 500 a.f. out to the Pasture. Pasture Manager Behimer reported that only two, possibly three, units are in good enough shape to hold cattle; at this point it looks like there will be a significant reduction in available feed due to areas with standing water and the L12 irrigation ditch failing due to the amount of water flowing under Highway 95.

Discussion followed regarding flows through the Big Dig and the potential effect it could have on the Pasture. Committee Member Gomes informed the grazers that there is an estimated 1,000,000 a.f. on the mountain so the probability of increased flooding in the Pasture is certain. Discussion included alternate routes for the water and conditions in 2017 for comparison.

The Committee discussed taking a percentage of cattle and possibly lasting the whole season versus taking a full allotment and exiting early. The consensus was that as conditions are so variable and could change drastically in the next three weeks, it would be the best course of action to delay making a decision until there is a better view on Pasture conditions.

The next meeting was set for March 29th at 8:00 a.m.

6. **Consent Agenda**

No items on the Consent Agenda.

7. **Additional Public Comment**

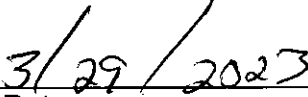
No additional public comment.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Committee Chairman at 8:55 a.m.



Lester deBraga, Committee Chairman



Date