

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
Carson Lake Pasture Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting  
September 8, 2022**

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 **Thursday, September 8, 2022** at 2:30 p.m.

The following Committee members were present constituting a quorum:

<b>Present:</b>	Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes Isaac Metcalf Don Snodgrass Gibb Mackedon Michele Kyte Wes Washburn	Committee Chairman Committee Member Nevada Department of Wildlife (Zoom) Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen
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<b>Others Present:</b>	Ben Shawcroft Kelly Herwick Cody Biggs Helen-Marie Morrow Ariel Tomb	General Manager District Water Master Construction & Maintenance Manager Finance Manager Assistant Secretary to the Board
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In-Person Guests	Representing
Bryant Behimer	CLP Manager – Independent Contractor
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Walter Winder	Grazer

Teleconference Guests	Representing
Trevor deBraga	Grazer

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 2:32 p.m.
  
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kelly Herwick, District Water Master.
  
3. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**  
**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the agenda, seconded by Committee Member Kyte, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

4. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

5. **Master Agreement for Administration at Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area**  
*Deliberation and decision, in formulating recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, for its final approval, relating to a proposed State of Nevada Department of Wildlife and District Master Agreement for Administration at the Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area. The Carson Lake and Pasture was transferred from ownership of the United States to the State of Nevada in 2021. The District manages grazing activity under another agreement with the State of Nevada at the Carson Lake Pasture. This Agreement is intended to provide the parties with both general and specific guidance of a permanent nature relating to Carson Lake Wildlife Management -touching matters not regularly borne by a grazing agreement.*

Ben Shawcroft, General Manager, informed the Committee of his meetings with NDOW staff to discuss the Master Agreement. He presented an issue that required clarification: How are members appointed to the Carson Lake Pasture Advisory Committee and are there any by-laws governing such issues? Chairman deBraga commented that the grazers elect their representatives from among themselves, and the two District Committee members are appointed by vote of the TCID Board of Directors. Gibb Mackedon, Greenhead Hunting Club, added that the Greenhead Club does have written by-laws governing the matter - the organization President and a Board member are authorized to represent the Club on the Committee. Mackedon requested it be placed on the record that since 1977 the Carson Lake has been operated under the Fleischman Agreement in conjunction with the Greenhead Hunting Club, Nevada Department of Wildlife and the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District as a public fee-based hunting area open to all. Jacob Ward, NDOW Wildlife Technician, commented that for the NDOW representative on the Committee, whoever the ranking person in attendance is should be the voting member. Shawcroft requested a list of primary attendees and approved alternates from each section of the Committee.

6. **Carson Lake Pasture Operations Recommendation Development for the 2023 Grazing Season**

*Deliberation and decision relating to development of recommendations for operations, including terms and conditions of Pasture grazing and use, contractual covenants, conditions, and terms to be imposed by the State of Nevada, application processes relating to issuance of grazing permits, the amount of fees to be imposed, the number of grazers to be permitted, the total number of animal units to be allowed, the beginning and end times for grazing, pasture watering practice or practices, authorized entry and facility locking, and any collateral considerations, or limitations, that may impact grazing practice –such as hunting on State Lands.*

There was some discussion regarding the relocation of the Diagonal Drain and whether it will possibly increase flows to the Pasture. Kelly Herwick, District Water Master, asked if the Committee members were aware of any improvement projects

planned for the end of the G-Line to increase the capacity of water able to be delivered to the water users and the Pasture. The Committee members are not aware of any projects currently being planned. Herwick will bring up the topic during later discussions regarding Project improvement. Jacob Ward, Wildlife Technician, provided a map showing the proposed location of the wildlife fence and requested comments be received this fall to give him time to order materials for installation next spring.

7. **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, upon review of Carson Lake Pasture Operations, to be conducted by the Carson Lake Pasture Committee, for operations performed by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District during the 2021 grazing season, under Agreement with the State of Nevada, through the Nevada Division of Wildlife, for development of recommendations for new or revised Pasture regulations and/or new or revised Pasture policies governing pasture operations for the 2022 grazing season. 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.*

Bryant Behimer, Pasture Manager, reported that conditions this year are much improved over last season. Grazing conditions on the East side are good, the area is dry but the feed is there. He believes the cattle should be able to stay until November. Behimer recommended waiting another 30 days and re-examining the issue. The weekend of August 21<sup>st</sup> between 70 and 75 bulls were removed. Since the beginning of August approximately 250 calves have been weaned and removed from the Pasture.

8. **Additional Public Comment**

No public comment.

9. **Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Committee Chairman at 3:08 p.m.**

10. **Call to Order**

**The meeting was reconvened by Chairman deBraga at 3:09 p.m.**

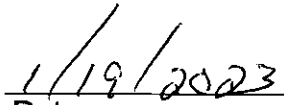
11. **Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the minutes of the March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 25, 2022 meetings, seconded by Committee Member Washburn, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

12. **Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Committee Chairman at 3:10 p.m.**

  
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Lester deBraga, Committee Chairman

  
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