TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT Carson Lake Pasture Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting

March 7, 2024

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, March 7, 2024** at 2:30 p.m.

The following Committee members were present constituting a quorum:

Present: Lester deBraga Committee Chairman

Joseph Gomes Committee Member (arrived 3:18)
Mike Zahradka Nevada Department of Wildlife (Zoom)

Don Snodgrass Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc.
Wes Washburn Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen

Kenny Lee Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen (arrived 2:54)

Absent: Gibb Mackedon Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc.

Others Present: Ben Shawcroft General Manager
Helen-Marie Morrow Finance Manager

Mike Adams Systems & Technologies Manager Ariel Tomb Assistant Secretary to the Board

In-Person Guests	Representing
Ted Guazzini	Grazer
Jerilynn Guazzini	Grazer
Walter Winder	Grazer
Bruce Corkill	Grazer
Trevor deBraga	Grazer
Holt Bogdanowicz	Pasture Manager
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Aaron Williams	Grazer
Albert Mulder	NRCS
Mattie	NRCS

Teleconference Guests	Representing	
Isaac Metcalf	Nevada Department of Wildlife	
Leanna Lehman	The Fallon Post	

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 2:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jacob Ward.

3. Review and Adoption of the Agenda

A <u>motion</u> was made by Committee Member Washburn to approve the agenda, seconded by Committee Member Snodgrass, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Presentation by Natural Resource Conservation Service

Albert Mulder, District Conservationist, presented information regarding current funds that are available for application; there is a maximum allotment of \$450,000.00 per grazer, and for an organization like TCID the maximum is \$650,000.00. This can be used for projects such as seeding, fencing, structures and grazing plans.

6. <u>Carson Lake Pasture Development of Recommendations Including New</u> <u>Regulations Governing Carson Lake Pasture Operations for the 2024 Grazing</u> Season

Deliberation and decision relating to development of recommendations for operations, including without limitation, water delivery, commencement date of the grazing season, animal unit total, animal unit rate, fences, gate locks, and trichomoniasis testing by the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District during the 2024 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. 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.

Chairman deBraga opened the discussion by informing the Committee that 1,683 head had been applied for. Pasture Manager Bogdanowicz stated that based on current conditions in the Pasture he recommends no more than last years numbers (734) which would come out to a 45% allocation. Discussion followed including pasture conditions, weather forecasts, and feed availability. Mike Zahradka, NDOW, commented that the east side is pretty bare and he recommends keeping the cattle more on the west side.

A <u>motion</u> was made by Committee Member Washburn to recommend setting the 2024 season allocation at 50%, seconded by Committee Member Lee, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

Pasture Manager Bogdanowicz recommended cattle entering the Pasture no earlier than April 15th based on current feed availability. If the weather changes its possible they could enter earlier.

A <u>motion</u> was made by Committee Member Washburn to recommend setting the Pasture opening date as April 15th, seconded by Committee Member Lee, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Adams, District Systems & Technologies Manager, updated the Committee on the Pasture keys. Based on previous conversations with Mike Zahradka and Pasture Manager Behimer, twenty (20) locks and eleven (11) keys were purchased. They are in-house and ready to be installed. The deposit price per key will be \$219. This will be refunded in the event the grazer returns the key.

Chairman deBraga informed the Committee that the District AUM rate was recalculated to \$8.20 following further investigation regarding the pump costs from last season.

6. Consent Agenda

 Approval of Carson Lake Pasture Committee Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2024 conducted at the District office, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon Nevada.

A <u>motion</u> was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Snodgrass, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Additional Public Comment

Committee Member Snodgrass commented that permanent drains will need to be installed on the Berm. Chairman deBraga added that the amount remaining on the chute payment is \$6,391.00.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Committee Chairman at 3:26 p.m.

Lester deBraga, Committee Chairman

Date