

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026

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, September 1, 2026** 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
	Michael Olsen	Director
	Abrahm Schank	Director
	Wade Workman	Director

Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft	General Manager
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Rachel Enox	Water Accounting Manager
	Cody Biggs	Construction & Maintenance Manager
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master
	Ariel Tomb	Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Leanna Lehman	The Fallon Post
Michael Miller	Self
Jason Villareal	Bureau of Reclamation

In-Person Guests	Representing
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Anthony Berreman	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Dan & Helen Shaw	Self
Joe Gomes	Self
Thayne Gomes	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 9:01 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Workman.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to adopt the agenda, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. **General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

5. **Recognition of Kelly Herwick**

Shawcroft presented a small gift to Herwick for 20 years at the District and thanked him for a job well done. Herwick thanked the Board and shared some memories from his first day on the job.

6. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

There was no miscellaneous correspondence.

7. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

- **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that several legal matters have been taking up a good deal of his time. He has met with the new insurance carrier and they have some good resources for the District to avail themselves of. He has also been working on public records requests and policy updates. He met with boy scout Braden Washington who was seeking to paint a mural on a District building located on Bottom Road. Next week there is a meeting between Recoupment parties to discuss a new Water Master model. Shawcroft invited any interested Board members to attend.

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

Biggs reported his crew is keeping up on trouble calls, mowing, and cleaning drains. He is beginning to put a schedule together for off-season projects. He hired a new Maintenance Worker; Gabe Cooper.

- **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick reported on current conditions. See the attached report.

- **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Solinski was not present to report. Shawcroft reported the following kilowatts:

- New Lahontan – 3,250 kw
- Old Lahontan – 240
- 26' Drop – 700 kw

Shawcroft also reported that JF Brennan came out to verify their measurements on the Tower. There is a Bureau Site Inspection on the 26th as well as a FERC Environmental Inspection later this month. The moss at 26' Drop burned up a motor and a gear box.

- **Rachel Enox, Water Accounting Manager**

Enox reported she is working on order analysis and beginning fall measurements.

- **Helen-Marie Morrow, Finance Manager**

Morrow reported she is closing out audits and preparing for the upcoming financial review.

8. Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) Representative(s) – General Updates

Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, reported no Category One recommendations were found during the Lahontan Dam site inspection. The Urban Canal report will be released soon. They have had many new staff changes at their office. He will be inspecting the USGS gage below the Dam following the meeting.

9. Community Updates:

- **City of Fernley**
No representative was present to report.
- **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST)**
Anthony Berreman, Land & Water Resources Director, reported many of the Tribe's irrigators are running out of water. He attended a class on soil restoration.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**
No representative was present to report.
- **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF)**
No representative was present to report.
- **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW)**
No representative was present to report.
- **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) - Wetlands**
No representative was present to report.

10. Purchase of a New Skidsteer

Deliberation and decision regarding the purchase of a new skid steer on a 5-year lease program with a buy back at the end of the lease. The District's skid steer is out of commission and has been quoted at \$31,144.98 to repair.

Biggs reported that the old skid steer went down, and he had Empire do a diagnostic. The DPF system failed and in order to replace it the motor will need to be removed. Empire recommended a new motor as well as a new DPF system which will cost approximately \$30,000 for parts and labor. With the hours it has on it (5,000), and some additional repairs that have been made already, Biggs believes it would be more worth the money to replace it. He has investigated a buy-back lease program through Empire; the cost would be approximately \$30,000 per year. After 5 years the machine would be returned to Empire, and the District would roll into a new lease. The machine would be under warranty for the entire 5-year period.

The Board questioned where the funds would come from; Biggs replied from Repairs & Maintenance and Equipment funds.

A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the lease of a new skid steer, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

11. Approval of the District Cyber Insurance Policy

Review and ratification of the District's Cyber Protection Policy.

Shawcroft introduced the Cyber Protection Policy; it is an insurance company requirement to adopt a cyber attack plan.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the District Cyber Protection Policy, seconded by Director Olsen, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

12. Filing Complaint to Recognize Federal Easement

Deliberation and action on filing a court action to recognize a federal easement for a drain ditch located on property identified as APN 006-351-46 owned by the David L Matley and Christine L Matley Trust and grant TCID maintenance personnel access to the property to perform maintenance work on the ditch.

Shawcroft informed the Board that amicable negotiations have failed. The issue will go before a judge either action the District takes, but filing a complaint will put the District in a better position.

A motion was made by Director Olsen to approve filing a complaint to recognize the Federal easement, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

13. Damage Claim 2026-03

Deliberation and decision relating to a damage claim submitted by Dan and Helen Shaw for flood damage to their field. The O&M Committee reviewed the claim and made a recommendation of approval contingent on the Shaws submitting an exact financial amount for consideration.

President Olsen excused himself from this discussion due to a financial arrangement with the Shaw's. Shawcroft reported that the Shaw's had some crop damage due to two flooding incidents. The cause was determined to be two dysfunctional gates; one was repaired but the second failed a week later. Both gates are the District's responsibility to maintain and both have been repaired now.

The Shaw's are requesting \$8,476.65 to restore their field to it's original condition. Discussion followed regarding what needed to be done and the possibility of Directors Schank or Olsen covering a portion of the work as they farm close by.

A motion was made by Director Olsen to approve a payment of \$7,000.00 and Directors Olsen or Schank will spray and replant the field, seconded by Vice-President Stix, request for comment and the motion was approved with President Olsen abstaining.

14. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of August as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Special Board Meeting minutes from June 30, 2026.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes from August 4, 2026.
- Approval of Special Board Meeting minutes from August 21, 2026.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Olsen, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

15. Committee Reports

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**
Chairman Stix reported the Committee reviewed the damage claim as well as two subdivision maps.
- **Employee Relations Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of August 2026.
- **Policy Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of August 2026.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of August 2026.
- **Finance Committee**
Treasurer deBraga reported that the Finance Committee met on August 31, 2026.

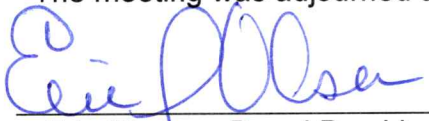
A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 46171 through 46271 as well as automatic, online and phone payments, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

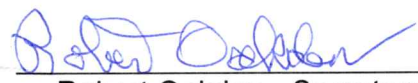
16. Additional Public Comment

No additional public comment.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. subject to the call of the Board President.


Eric Olsen. – Board President
10-6-26
Date


Robert Oakden - Secretary
10/6/26
Date



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Newlands Project

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General Counsel

BOARD MEETING

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

- **Truckee Div.**
 - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 344cfs
 - Truckee Canal: Approx. 138cfs
 - Approx. <1cfs in Gilpen Spill
 - cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
 - Water Master "Derby flow Target": **141.1** cfs
 - Below Derby Gauge: **220** cfs
 - **99** cfs at TC canal at Hazen
- **Carson Div.**
 - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: **1** cfs
 - Lahontan Storage: **105,945** a.f.
 - Release below Lahontan: -541cfs | penstock: -651cfs
 - Total Inflows: **100** cfs/ approx. **+198** a.f. at 24hrs
 - Total net change: **-873** a.f.

FORECASTING:

- **TROA Meeting notes: AUG 14, 2026**
 - *End of August estimated storage: 108,745 a.f. | actual: 107,109 a.f.*
 - *Projected end of month September 2026: 77,966 a.f. | currently: 105,945 a.f.*
 - *Anticipated reduced diversions in September due to storage targets*
 - *100% of traces show diversions to Lahontan through December 2026*
 - *End of Season estimated storage: >50k.a.f.*

DISTRICT STATUS:

- Harmon Reservoir staff: 3.4 approx. ¾ full @ 925 a.f.
- S-line Reservoir staff: 9.13 approx. 9/10 full @ 449 a.f.
- Demand is down: Corn is slowing down