

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2024**

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 3, 2024** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen Robert Oakden Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes Abraham Schank Wade Workman	President Secretary Treasurer Director Director Director
Absent:	David Stix Jr.	Vice-President
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft Helen-Marie Morrow Kelly Herwick Mark Solinski Ariel Tomb	General Manager (Zoom) Finance Manager District Water Master Hydroelectric Facilities Manager Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Cathi Tuni	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe

In-Person Guests	Representing
Scott Fennema	Federal Water Master's Office
Joe Bryant	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Bethany Chagnon	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Laurie Nicholas	Bureau of Reclamation
Ed James	Carson Water Subconservancy District
Lindsey Moss	Carson Water Subconservancy District
Joe Iveson	Self
Adam Iveson	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 Ariel Tomb.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

4. **General Public Comment**

No public comment.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

There was no miscellaneous correspondence to review for the month of August.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that President Olsen and himself were able to meet the BOR Regional Director for lunch. The District hosted a visit with Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small of the USDA; a few board members were present along with several farmers from around the area. The program requirements to show water savings are rigorous. The water savings cannot include transportation losses, which are primarily what our losses are. The program is looking to primarily reduce seepage losses. The Deputy Secretary listened to our specific needs as a District and hopefully some of those will be included in the grant writing process. We should hopefully receive contracts for funding by the end of the year. Shawcroft played a video clip that was aired on the news about the visit which showcased Director Schank's farm.

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

Biggs was not present to report.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick reported on current conditions; see attached report.

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

Adams was not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Solinski reported that the mousing at 26' Drop is the worst he has seen. It is wrapping around the wicket gates and runners. The drive pulley for the belts broke, screens and chains are breaking from the weight. He has also had to flush the cooling water lines at New Lahontan as the bearings were overheating. One of the pontoons on the barge at the Tower broke off, it will need to be repaired before it can be used this off season. He reported the following KW per plant:

New Lahontan: 1,400

Old Lahontan: 1,700

26' Drop: 620

7. **City of Fernley – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

8. **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) – General Updates**

Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Refuge Manager – Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, reported things are looking good on the Refuge. So far it looks like they have avoided botulism this season.

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

Laurie Nicholas, LBAO Deputy Manager, reported the Truckee Canal Public Safety Project construction contract is not closed yet. As such she has no final costs to report. They are still expecting to receive as-builts as well as a request for equitable adjustment. The Regional Director is willing to grant emergency XM for a portion of the project.

10. **Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST) – General Updates**

Joe Bryant, Land & Water Resource Manager, reported Biggs has gotten caught up on complaints from their users, he thanked Biggs. There is an experimental blue stone treatment to reduce algae, Bryant wants to test it but first it will need to pass the Tribal Council.

11. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

12. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

13. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) – General Updates**

There was no representative present to report.

14. **Presentation by Ed James**

Presentation by Ed James, General Manager of the Carson Water Subconservancy District, on the Carson River Watershed 30-Year Regional Drought and Water Sustainability Plan.

Ed James, General Manager- Carson Water Subconservancy District, presented a slideshow to the Board showcasing water usage along the Carson River Watershed. It is a study of how surface water and ground water are affected by wells and increased development. CWSD is partnering with USGS and Lumos & Associates. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Less water available in the upper water shed than historically
- Five major groundwater basins: Carson Valley, Eagle Valley, Dayton Valley, Churchill Valley, Carson Desert
- Churchill Valley is the biggest water user for domestic wells
- Permitted water rights are not the same as certificated water rights
- Looking at long term changes & impacts from scenarios such as climate change

15. **First Amendment to Airborne Snow Observatories Services Agreement**
The first amendment to Airborne Snow Observatories Services Agreement effective May 16, 2024 to include additional services.

Scott Fennema, Federal Water Master's Office, presented a slideshow to the Board illustrating how the data is used and the value it provides in conjunction with the other models.

A motion was made by Director Gomes to approve First Amendment to Airborne Snow Observatories Services Agreement, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

16. **Damage Claim 24-002**
Damage Claim by Joe Iveson for flood damage to his cabin at Poacherville in the amount of \$12,500.00. The claim was reviewed by the O&M Committee and has been recommended for approval.

Secretary Oakden informed the Board that the O&M Committee reviewed the claim and forwarded it with a recommendation for approval. Shawcroft provided an overview of the claim to the Board; the cabin was flooded because of too much water being sent down the ditch by the ditchrider. The water level was set too high, the ditchrider failed to keep watch on the ditch and it overtopped. The ditchrider in question no longer works for the District.

Joe Iveson commented that his cabin is right next to the ditch and sits lower than the other cabins in the area. He suggested to Biggs at the O&M meeting to adjust the ditch so that should another overflow occur, the water will run into the field to the East rather than towards the cabins. Shawcroft replied that Biggs is looking into that. President Olsen apologized to Iveson for the inconvenience caused.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve Damage Claim 24-002 in the amount of \$12,500.00 and staff will decide which budget category the funds will be drawn from, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

17. **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of August as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes of August 6, 2024.

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

18. **Committee Reports**

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**

Secretary Oakden reported that Damage Claim 24-002 was the only item reviewed by the Committee at the August meeting.

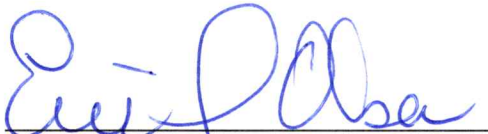
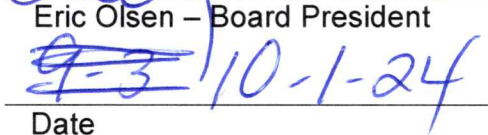
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee Recommendations**
There was no meeting for the month of August 2024. Treasurer deBraga reported that he received a report from Pasture Manager Bogdanowicz that eight cows were found deceased along the East Lee Ditch. NDOW is investigating to find a potential cause.
- **Employee Relations Committee**
There was no meeting for the month of August 2024.
- **Finance Committee**
Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on September 3, 2024 before the Board meeting.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 44424 through 44503 as well as automatic, online and phone payments, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Policy Committee**
There was no meeting for the month of August 2024.

19. **Additional Public Comment**
No additional public comment.

20. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m. subject to the call of the Board President.


Eric Olsen – Board President

Date


Robert Oakden - Secretary

Date

