

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the  
**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes  
**December 5, 2023**

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, December 5, 2023** 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
	Abrahm Schank	Director
	Joseph Gomes	Director
Absent:	Wade Workman	Director
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft	General Manager
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Cody Biggs	Construction & Maintenance Manager
	Ariel Tomb	Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Brain NV	Self

In-Person Guests	Representing
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Albert Mulder	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Ida Adams	TCID
Juanita George	TCID

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 9:00 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 Secretary Oakden to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. **General Public Comment**

Ida Adams and Juanita George addressed the Board with a reminder for the upcoming election in April; Directors in divisions One, Three and Four are up for re-election.

Valerie Roberds asked how many CFS were running through the Truckee Canal.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Shawcroft reported on the correspondence received during the month of November.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that New and Old Lahontan Power Stations are undergoing winter maintenance. The District is reworking the 5-Year Strategic Plan to make a more workable plan going forward. He signed on to a letter for the Family Farm Alliance to list the Southwestern Pond Turtle as an endangered species. Local entities are beginning to have conversations about preparing for another possible high water spring next year.

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

Biggs reported his crew has begun winter maintenance, structure replacements are ongoing on the Reservation, the tree crew is working on the V4 and V5. Work is being done at Old Lahontan to clean the bowl and the river channel.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick was not present to report.

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

Adams was not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Solinski was not present to report.

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

No representative was present to report.

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

No representative was present to report.

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

Jack Worsley, Area Manager, reported that Pour Point 8 should be armored this week. The radial gates for the Fernley Check are being built. He is trying to schedule a Risk Assessment team to inspect the Canal in January or February. The Tahoe Dam

Feasibility Report Inspection is next week, and the Ricci Lane land purchase is moving forward.

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

There was no representative present to report.

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

There was no representative present to report.

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

Albert Mulder, District Conservationist, reported that they will be funding 13 miles of concrete lining this winter, with 7 miles on application for this spring. He has plenty of funding available and could have some possibilities for funding improvements to the Carson Lake Pasture for the grazers.

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

Jacob Ward, Wildlife Technician, reported the Pasture is still massively flooded which is making roadwork challenging. Ducks Unlimited has installed the new structure on the L8-2 lateral. Hunting season is in full swing. NDOW has purchased a new office building on the Reno Highway and will be moving to that location next year.

14. **Ratification of a Contract with Willowstick Technologies**

*Deliberation and decision regarding the ratification of a contract with Willowstick Technologies for analysis of a canal seep in the amount of \$31,600.00.*

General Manager Shawcroft informed the Board that this contract with Willowstick Technologies was for an analysis of a seep on the Truckee Canal adjacent to Pour Point 8. Willowstick has completed the fieldwork. The Board is being asked to ratify the contract which will be paid from the District's Emergency Reserve Fund.

**A motion was made by Director Gomes to Ratify the Contract with Willowstick Technologies, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

15. **Approve Letter of Recommendation for Ernie Schank**

*Deliberation and decision regarding approval of a letter of recommendation for Ernie Schank to Governor Lombardo for appointment to the Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District Board of Directors.*

General Manager Shawcroft reported that former TCID Board President Ernie Schank was under consideration for appointment to the Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District Board of Directors and asked the Board to approve a letter of recommendation.

**A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to Approve the Letter of Recommendation for Ernie Schank, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

16. **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of November as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes of November 7, 2023.

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

**17. Committee Reports**

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of November 2023.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**  
Treasurer deBraga reported that there is a Committee meeting scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>; the District has received three (3) applications for the Pasture Cowboy position. All cattle have been removed from the Pasture.
- **Employee Relations Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of November 2023.
- **Finance Committee**  
Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on December 4, 2023. The Committee received word that Omaha Track should be resuming payments soon.

**A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 43759 through 43820, the transfer of \$384,114.84 to pay bills as well as automatic, online and phone payments, seconded by Vice-President Stix, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

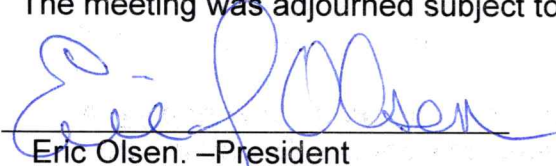
- **Policy Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of November 2023.

**18. Additional Public Comment**

General Manager Shawcroft invited the Board to the District's Christmas Potluck to be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**19. Adjournment**

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

  
Eric Olsen. -President

2-6-24  
Date

  
Robert Oakden - Secretary

2-6-24  
Date