

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Committee  
Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting  
August 17, 2023**

The Committee Members of the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Committee 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 **Thursday, August 17, 2023** at 9:00 a.m.

The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	David Stix, Jr.	Chairman
	Robert Oakden	Vice-Chairman
	Joseph Gomes	Committee Member
	Ben Shawcroft	General Manager/Committee Member
	Cody Biggs	Const. & Maint. Mgr/Committee Member
 Absent:	 Kelly Herwick	 District Water Master/Committee Member
 Others Present:	 Helen-Marie Morrow	 Finance Manager
	Ariel Tomb	Clerical Assistant

<b>Teleconference/Zoom Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Martha Jenkins	Self
Chris Moltz	Stor-All, LLC

<b>In-Person Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Leanna Hale	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Zack Bowers	NAS Fallon
Lauri & Rodger Deem	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**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Stix.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Oakden.

**3. Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

**A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Oakden to approve the August 17, 2023 O&M Committee Meeting Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Gomes, request for comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

4. **Public Comment**  
No public comment.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**  
No miscellaneous correspondence.

6. **General Manager & Staff Reports**

- **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**  
Shawcroft had no report.
  
- **Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager**  
Biggs reported that he has rented a tractor, mower and skid steer to keep up with easement maintenance. His crew is working on Trouble Calls as they come in.
  
- **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**  
Solinski was not present to report.
  
- **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**  
Herwick arrived after staff reports were completed.
  
- **Mike Adams, Systems & Technologies Manager**  
Adams was not present to report.

7. **Damage Claims Submitted**

- **23-002 Lauri & Rodger Deem**

*Damage Claim in the amount of \$3,075.00 for lost crops due to L10-T8 head gate leakage; Requested remediation includes restricting the flow rate in the L10 lateral below the T8 head gate.*

Lauri Deem provided the Committee with an overview of her claim; her neighbor's ditches are in poor condition and back up the line when he irrigates. The ditchrider turned down the flow in the L10 and pulled boards for the drain, however her neighbor adjusted the headgate to allow more flow after the ditchrider left. This resulted in the water overtopping the gate and ditch and flooded her field for two days. Water Master Herwick added that when the neighbor ran the last time the ditchrider locked the gate at the appropriate level and there were no issues with flooding.

Water Master Herwick has attempted to call the neighbor in question to inform him of the issues that have arisen, but he has been unable to reach him. The next step would be to send a certified letter. The Committee determined that as it was the neighbor that tampered with the headgate and therefore caused the flooding, TCID was not at fault in this incident.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to deny Damage Claim 23-002, seconded by Committee Member Shawcroft, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Mrs. Deem informed the Committee that she intends to use her right to appeal their decision to the Board of Directors. The damage claim will be added to the September Board agenda.

8. **Incidents & Accidents**

No incidents or accidents reported.

9. **New Applications Received**

- **23-007 Stor-All, LLC**

*Application for abandonment of the TC5-2 KD Lateral Easement along the southern edge of parcel 021-132-64 in Fernley, Nevada.*

Chris Moltz represented Stor-All, LLC and presented an overview of their project; the easement in question no longer serves an irrigation purpose and portions of the easement adjacent to their parcel have previously been abandoned. He has already received tentative approval from the BOR.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the application submitted by Stor-All, LLC; contingent on Bureau approval, seconded by Committee Member Biggs, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

10. **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Representative(s)**

No representative was present to report.

11. **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Representative(s)**

Leanna Hale, Land and Water Director, reported that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the Tribe has officially closed. There are lots of reports of excessive weed growth coming in, she has sent some work requisitions to Maintenance Manager Biggs to help clear some of those out.

12. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) Representative(s)**

Zack Bowers, Naval Air Station Fallon, reported that their tree removal project has been completed.

13. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Representative(s)**

No representative was present to report.

14. **Bureau of Reclamation Representative(s)**

Robert Martinez, Bureau of Reclamation, reported that a review of the Emergency Action Plans was held yesterday; it was a good meeting with some steps identified to simplify the documents, promoting ease of use. The Annual Inspection for Lahontan Dam is scheduled before the end of the month.

15. **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of O&M Committee Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2023 conducted at the District office, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon Nevada.

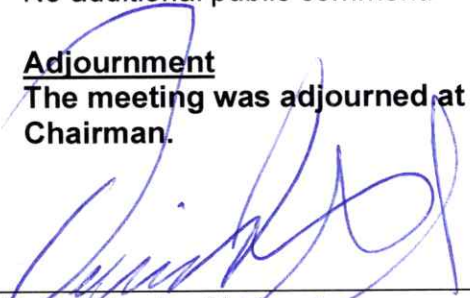
**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice-Chairman Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**16. Additional Period of Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

**17. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m. subject to the call of the Committee Chairman.**



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David Stix Jr., Chairman

9/21/2023

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Date

