

TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Committee
 Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting
August 15, 2024

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 15, 2024** 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
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master/Committee Member

Others Present:	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Ariel Tomb	Clerical Assistant

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Bethany Chagnon	US Fish & Wildlife
Zack Bowers	Naval Air Station Fallon

In-Person Guests	Representing
Adam Iveson	Self
Joe Iveson	Self
Bert Yost	Self
Deanne Workman	Self
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation

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. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**
A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Oakden to approve the August 15, 2024 O&M Committee Meeting Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Gomes, request for comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. **Public Comment**
No public comment.

4. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

No miscellaneous correspondence.

5. **General Manager & Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that he has received further information regarding the USDA funding program. The District will be eligible to apply for funding; he will be meeting with staff to develop a plan for a funding request. The program is open to farmers; it offers 100% funding of projects that will conserve water.

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

Biggs reported his crew is mainly mowing and combating moss growth. He is starting to replenish construction materials in the yard in preparation for the off season. The drotts are working on trouble calls as they come in.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**

Solinski was not present to report.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick reported the volume of orders has reduced but he is anticipating one more big increase before the season ends. Ditchrider-in-training Andrew Baldwin is doing very well and started working solo this week. Cooper is training the other new ditchrider, Tristan, and Herwick has high hopes that his training will be successful as well.

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

Adams was not present to report.

6. **Damage Claims Submitted**

- 24-002 Joe Iveson – Joe and Adam Iveson were both present at the meeting. Vice-Chairman Oakden commented that he looked at the photos provided and he has no doubt of the damage. Chairman Stix added that according to the report the damage was caused by ditchrider negligence. Herwick added that the ditchrider on duty at the time of the incident no longer works at the District. Committee Member Gomes informed the Iveson's that due to the amount of the claim the Committee will be forwarding to the Board of Directors for final approval. Shawcroft responded that he has informed them of that and thanked the Iveson's for the detail that they included in their claim.

A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to recommend approving Damage Claim 24-002 to the Board of Directors, seconded by Vice-Chairman Oakden, request for comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. **Incidents & Accidents**

No incidents or accidents to report.

8. **New Applications Received**

No new applications received.

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

Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Refuge Manager – Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, reported they are keeping an eye out for botulism. There are a few suspected cases but nothing has been confirmed yet. She informed Herwick that they will keep taking whatever water he needs to send to them. Herwick replied that he knows some work is being done on a gage at the Bypass which will reduce flows temporarily, but he will send increased flows to the Refuge as soon as possible.

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

No representative was present to report. Herwick reported that he met with the new Land & Water Resources Director Joe Bryant yesterday and they will resume their monthly meetings going forward.

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

Zack Bowers, NASF, reported that he is working on some planned fence projects that have run into delays. He will keep the District informed.

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

No representative was present to report.

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

Robert Owen, Bureau of Reclamation, reported that he has been working on the O&M review with Cody. He needs an additional IPRF form for the S17 project.

14. **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of O&M Committee Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2024 conducted at the District office, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon Nevada.

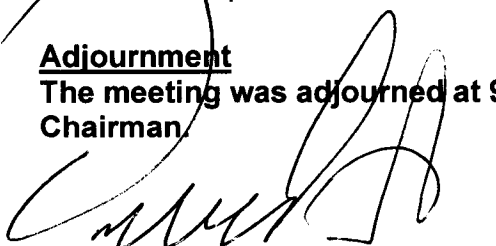
A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Biggs, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.


15. **Additional Period of Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

16. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. subject to the call of the Committee Chairman.



David Stix, Jr., Chairman

Date