

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
 July 2, 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, July 2, 2024 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
	Joseph Gomes	Director
	Lester deBraga	Treasurer
	Abrahm Schank	Director
	Wade Workman	Director
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft	General Manager
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master
	Ariel Tomb	Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Heather Ness	Stillwater Sciences
Scott Wilcox	Stillwater Sciences

In-Person Guests	Representing
Bethany Chagnon	United States Fish & Wildlife
Chris Rogne	E.H. Hursh Insurance <i>(arrived 9:58)</i>
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Martinez	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**
 President Olsen called the meeting to order in accordance with NRS 241 at 9:02 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Treasurer deBraga.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**
A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to adopt the agenda as presented with Item #14 being heard at 9:30 a.m. and #17 at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Director Gomes, 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.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported he met with the State Program Director for Grant Matching funds. There is any opportunity to receive funds from the program to use for grant matching. He is going to pursue this opportunity for the Lahontan Dam Tower.

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

Biggs reported that he is making repairs to the Carson Lake Pasture, fixing roads and breaches made during flood operations. The T-Line is being treated for moss today, the L1 will be treated on Friday.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick was not present to report. Shawcroft reported the District hired two ditchriders. Order volume has greatly increased and some lines are getting backed up.

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

Adams was not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Solinski reported that water is off the boards, the Lake level is 278,300 A.F. He is still training Cody Acquistapace, they had to purchase new motor plates for the swamp coolers. He reported the following KW per plant:

New Lahontan: 2,800

Old Lahontan: 2,000

26' Drop: 1,000

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 the Refuge has orders placed, they are maintaining flows and watching for botulism.

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

Jack Worsley, LBAO Manager, reported he is still negotiating on final costs with the Truckee Canal contractor. He thanked Solinski for the daily reports on the boards.

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

There was no representative present to report.

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

There was no representative present to report.

14. Stillwater Sciences Scope of Work and Budget Estimate

Review and Approval/Denial of the Scope of Work provided by Stillwater Sciences for services relating to a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license amendment for Old Lahontan Power Station at a cost not to exceed \$18,000 for phase one. This item was reviewed by the Finance Committee on July 1, 2024.

The District has a FERC license for New Lahontan. Now that Old Lahontan is owned by the District, the plant is no longer exempt and will need a license. Shawcroft attempted to start the application process which was much more involved than anticipated. He reached out to Stillwater Sciences for assistance and they put together a scope of work and budget estimate. Phase One will review the best path forward and will cost \$18,000 or less. The best approach would be to seek an amendment to the license already held for New Lahontan.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve Phase One of FERC licensing with Stillwater Sciences, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

15. Suspension of Lahontan Solar Lease Agreement

Review and possible action regarding the suspension of the lease agreement held with Lahontan Solar LLC. This item was reviewed by the Finance Committee on July 1, 2024.

Lahontan Solar has run into difficulties with NV Energy's hookup requirements which will cost millions more than anticipated. They have requested that the lease agreement be suspended while they work to find a way forward.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to accept the cancellation of the Solar Lease, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

16. Contract No. 24-LC-20-3289

Deliberation and decision regarding a Letter of Agreement for Contract No. 24-LC-20-3289 with the Bureau of Reclamation providing an initial deposit of \$10,000.00 for administrative processes relating to the District's Three-Year OM&R schedule. This item was reviewed by the Finance Committee on July 1, 2024.

Shawcroft provided an overview of the contract to the Board; it is for the Bureau's administrative work relating to the District's Three Year OM&R Forecast. The deposit is \$10,000.

A motion was made by Director Gomes to approve Contract No. 24-LC-20-3289, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board went into recess at 9:49 a.m.

The Board was called back to order at 9:58 a.m.

17. Insurance Proposal for FY 2024-2025

Deliberation and decision regarding a proposal for insurance for FY 2024-2025. This proposal includes Directors and Officers, Employment Practices, Cyber, General Liability and Excess Liability, Auto, Property and Equipment coverages. This item was reviewed by the Finance Committee on July 1, 2024.

Chris Rogne, E.H. Hursh Insurance, presented the insurance proposal for FY 24-25. He listed some vehicles that are still under physical damage coverage and was instructed to remove them.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to accept the insurance proposal with the removal of the discussed vehicles, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

18. FY 2024-2025 Budget

Review and approval of the FY 2024-2025 District Budget.

Shawcroft informed the Board that a great deal of time was spent cutting down budget categories following the previous meeting. It was under \$100,000 in the red but this morning the updated insurance rates were received and that put it back over \$100,000.

A motion was made by Director Workman to approve the Budget as presented, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was approved 6 – 1, with Vice-President Stix opposing.

19. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of June as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes of June 4, 2024.
- Approval of Special Board Meeting minutes of March 26, 2024 and March 28, 2024.

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.

20. **Committee Reports**

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**
Director Gomes reported that the Committee approved an application from VIA Real Estate for an easement encroachment to build a Tractor Supply in Fernley.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee Recommendations**
There was no meeting for the month of June 2024.
- **Employee Relations Committee**
There was no meeting for the month of June 2024.
- **Finance Committee**
Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on July 1, 2024.

A **motion** was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 44281 through 44358, the transfer of \$955,568.17 to pay bills 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 June 2024.

21. **Additional Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

22. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. subject to the call of the Board President.



Eric Olsen – Board President

8-6-24

Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary

8/6/24

Date

