

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2022

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, January 4, 2022** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen David Stix Jr. Robert Oakden Lester deBraga Abrahm Schank Wade Workman	President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Director Director
Absent:	Joseph Gomes	Director (phone)
Others Present:	Rusty Jardine Helen-Marie Morrow Kelly Herwick Cody Biggs Mark Solinski Michele Wisnefski	General Manager Finance Manager District Water Master Construction/Maintenance Manager Hydroelectric Manager (phone) Clerical Specialist

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Jason Villarreal	Bureau of Reclamation
Bethany Chagnon	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Albert Mulder	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Isaac Metcalf	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Ann Schofield	Naval Air Station Fallon
Rajia Bushnell	Farmer's Conservation Alliance
Rachel Dahl	The Fallon Post

In-Person Guests	Representing
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Laurie Nicholas	Bureau of Reclamation
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Christy Sullivan	Lahontan Conservation District
Nancy Upham	CC Mosquito, Vector & Noxious Weed Abatement District
J.W. McKay	CC Mosquito, Vector & Noxious Weed Abatement District

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 Director Schank.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Vice-President Stix, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. **General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Rusty Jardine, General Manager reported on the news release regarding Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funds and contents of the diversion letter for January 2022.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Rusty Jardine, General Manager**

Rusty Jardine, General Manager reported on the Financial Disclosure Statement filing requirement for the Board of Directors.

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

Cody Biggs, Construction and Maintenance Manager reported crews were trimming trees on the L8 and will move to the T-line; concrete crews are installing a box culvert on the A11 and will move to the T-line to install two (2) water meters; an excavator is pulling Russian Olive trees above 26' Drop on the V-line; and the skid steer is cleaning the bottom of the V-line in preparation for pre-emergent application.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Kelly Herwick, District Water Master provided the attached report detailing current conditions and the January forecast. Additional discussion was had regarding soil saturation conditions and run-off. President Olsen inquired regarding status of TCIDWORKS; Jack Worsley, Area Manager will send an email. Treasurer deBraga inquired regarding ditch rider hiring status; applications have been received, no hires to date.

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

Not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**

Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager reported work is being done on the Old Lahontan Power Plant (OLPP) – checking bearings, trouble-shooting the hydraulics and general maintenance.

7. **City of Fernley – General Updates**
Not present to report.
8. **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) – General Updates**
Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Project Leader, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge reported that USFWS is servicing equipment and anticipating dike repair.
9. **Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) Representative(s) – General Updates**
Jack Worsley, Area Manager introduced Laurie Nicholas as the new Deputy Area Manager. Worsley then discussed policy regarding the Truckee Canal XM Project including the funding application and approval process and contract negotiations. Additional discussion was had regarding a contingency plan for the estimated thirty-five (35) million dollar project, and contractor proposals and bids. Worsley reported that the Derby Dam Fish Screen would be back on this month and requested TCID to test the SCADA system associated with the Fish Screen. Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator addressed questions regarding the Emergency Management Plan (EMP) and Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) outlined in Exhibit G of the new OM&R Contract.
10. **Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST) – General Updates**
Not present to report.
11. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) – General Updates**
Ann Schofield, Natural Resources Specialist with NASF reported that Donna Withers retired. Schofield will be performing Withers's duties as Agriculture Program Manager until the vacancy is filled.
12. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – General Updates**
Albert Mulder, District Conservationist reported on NRCS contract sign-up and engineering delays. Mulder will also conduct a proposed project site-visit with District staff tomorrow.
13. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) – General Updates**
Jacob Ward, Wildlife Technician reported that NDOW is completing road work. Ward also discussed with the Board the fact that twenty-six (26) head of cattle made it into the Carson Lake Pasture (CLP). It is understood that the cattle belonged to Bill Card. Ward has contacted Bryant Behimer, CLP Grazing Manager, to discuss the situation. Discussion was had regarding how to proceed. It was determined that contact with the Card family was an appropriate first step. Ward also stated that the Management Plan would be completed in the next couple months. Jardine expressed his interest in a "Master Agreement" with NDOW regarding CLP management.
14. **Farmer's Conservation Alliance (FCA) – General Updates**
Raija Bushnell, Watershed Planning Program Manager reported that FCA is assisting the District with the financial analysis required for the Truckee Canal XM Project reimbursable funding contract. FCA has been and will be assisting the District to coordinate with NRCS on the completion of the Watershed and Flood Prevention

Operations (WFPO) Program Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR). In addition, FCA is supporting the District with efforts to secure American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and facilitating meetings with Congressman Amodei and Senator Cortez Masto.

15. Preparation of Annual Assessment Book

Rusty Jardine, General Manager discussed the requirements for the annual assessment book in accordance with NRS 539.667.

A motion was made by Secretary Oaken to approve the annual assessment book, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

16. Proposal to District by The Ferguson Group for Advocacy Services

Mark Limbaugh and Lane Dickson of The Ferguson Group (TFG) of Washington D.C. presented to the Board their proposal to provide advocacy services for the District, including, without limitation, pursuit of potential funding from federal sources, for purposes of implementing improvements to the Truckee Canal as described in the Record of Decision for Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance. Specifically, they addressed potential for an Emergency Extraordinary Maintenance (EXM) designation which would earmark thirty-five (35) percent of funding provided as non-reimbursable. Additional discussion was had regarding the Aging Infrastructure Account, the assisted application process between the District and the Bureau of Reclamation, and a zero interest funding option.

Advocacy services are to be provided by Mark Limbaugh, President of TFG, and by Lane Dixon, Principal. Terms of the proposal include an \$8,000 monthly retainer over an initial period of twelve (12) months and payment for other expenses incurred in the course of advocacy.

There was no decision by the Board regarding approval of the proposal by The Ferguson Group for advocacy services.

17. Hearing on Petition for Inclusion of Lands to the District

A public hearing was held relating to decision by the Board pursuant to NRS 539.708 *et seq.*, as to whether or not to include lands in the District, upon petition by 650 Holdings, LLC (Craig L. and Debra L. Schank) of Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada. The land consists of Assessor Parcel No. 007-611-35 and bears the physical location of 650 Indian Lakes Road, in Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada. Rusty Jardine, General Manager clarified that Craig L. Schank, acting on behalf of 650 Holdings, LLC, made the request for annexation. In addition, Director Abe Schank acknowledged his relationship as a nephew to Craig L. Schank. He then asserted he had no financial interest in 650 Holdings, LLC, and therefore, he would vote on the petition for inclusion of lands to the District. Jardine, General Manager concurred.

A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the Order for Annexation of Lands to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

18. Approval/Denial of Resolution No. 2022-01, Relating to Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance

Rusty Jardine, General Manager briefed the Board regarding Resolution No. 2022-01, authorizing the taking of all necessary steps to enter into a contract for repayment to the United States for Extraordinary Maintenance to be made to the Truckee Canal, and for presentation of a proposed contract for the repayment to the electors of the District, at a special election, for their final approval. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve Resolution 2022-01, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was approved; 5 ayes, 1 nay.

19. Consent Agenda Items

Matters borne by the consent agenda are considered routine and/or informational in nature. Any deliberation and/or decisions made relating to the consent agenda may be given by the Board in a single action without comment, discussion, or public input as a single Board action. Any item on the consent agenda may be removed there-from, upon the request of a Director or member of the public, and thus be made the object of full and complete deliberation and decision making. Action relating to the consent agenda may be undertaken at any time during the course of the meeting. Items on the consent agenda for this meeting are as follows:

- Approval of Director's compensation as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2021.
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the consent agenda items including the Director's Compensation for the month of December and the minutes of the November 30, 2021 and December 7, 2021 Board meetings, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

20. Committee Reports

• **O&M Committee**

David Stix Jr., Committee Chairman reported that the Committee agreed to uphold current District policy that requires installation of a box culvert for private crossing and, therefore, made no recommendation supporting the box culvert variance request from Loren Motsinger. In addition, discussion was had relating to the L8 Water Delivery Improvement Project initiated by Ducks Unlimited. The project includes cleaning and reshaping of the L8 lateral and installation of a new water control structure (WCS) at the intersection of the L8 and A-Line to provide water delivery to the Carson Lake Pasture.

• **Carson Lake and Pasture Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of December 2021.

- **Finance Committee**

- **Finance Committee Recommendations:**

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on January 3, 2022.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendations; including check numbers 42101 through 42164, online, phone and automatic payments, and transfer of \$67,153 to pay bills; and a write-off of \$3,613 paid for 40-year employee Bob Baldwin, retired, for health insurance coverage, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Negotiations Committee:**

There was no meeting held for the month of December 2021.

- **Policy Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of December 2021.

- **Employee Relations Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of December 2021.

- **Public Relations Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of December 2021.

- **Revenue/IT Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of December 2021.

- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**

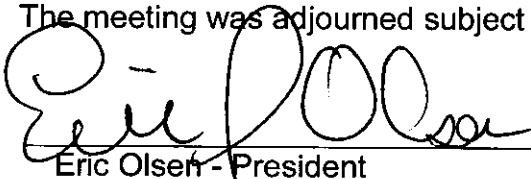
There was no meeting held for the month of December 2021.

21. Additional Public Comment

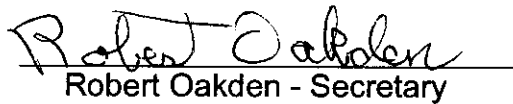
There was no public comment.

22. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 10:45 a.m.


Eric Olsen - President

2-1-22
Date


Robert Oakden - Secretary

2-1-22
Date



Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Newlands Project

01/04/2022

BOARD MEETING

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

- **Truckee Div.**
 - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 379cfs
 - Truckee Canal: 328cfs
 - <1cfs in Gilpen Spill
 - 328cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
 - Water Master "Derby flow Target": 40cfs
 - Below Derby Gauge: 49cfs
 - 309cfs at TC canal at Hazen
- **Carson Div.**
 - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: 271cfs
 - Lahontan Storage: 68,127a.f. / prev. 12/07/21 @ 40,363 a.f. ; Diff. +27,764 a.f.
 - Release below Lahontan: <1cfs
 - Total Inflows: 580cfs/ approx. 1,148 a.f. at 24hrs
 - Month End Storage target: 140,400kaf/ would require approx. 50,400 kaf of Diversions
 - This is greater than the amount of water available for diversion from the Truckee River.

DISTRICT STATUS: Forecasting

- January. 2021 TROA outlook
 - Est. 328cfs TC canal @ Wads.
 - Currently 328cfs.
 - Est. 206cfs Car. Rv. @ Ft. Churchill
 - Currently 271cfs
 - 87,646a.f. end of month storage
 - Dec. 2021. Projected 57,863/ actual 63,890; net gain of 6,027 a.f.
 - **Streamflow forecast as of Dec. 27, 2021**
 - 70% chance 124kaf / indicates 85% allocation
 - 50% chance 165kaf / indicates 98% allocation
 - 30% chance 230kaf / indicates 118% allocation

District status: Operations

- Truckee rv@ Vista 5 day forecast avg. 396cfs
- Carson rv @ Ft. Churchill 5 day forecast reflects approx. 20+cfs increase.
- Fish screens are currently off & all flows set thru Bypass gates
- Newlands Credit water established approx. 4,739 a.f.

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General Counsel