

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
Carson Lake Pasture Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting  
February 23, 2022**

The Carson Lake Pasture Advisory Committee, in the counties of Churchill and Lyon, State of Nevada, met in regular session at the offices of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada, on **Wednesday, February 23, 2022** at 1:00 p.m.

The following Committee members were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Lester deBraga Michele Kyte Wes Washburn Don Snodgrass Gibb Mackedon	Committee Chairman Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc.
Absent:	Joseph Gomes	Committee Member
Others Present:	Kelly Herwick Helen-Marie Morrow Ariel Tomb	District Water Master Finance Manager Receptionist

In-Person Guests	Representing
Bryant Behimer	CLP Manager – Independent Contractor
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Bruce Corkill	Grazer
Kenny Lee	Grazer
Flint Lee	Grazer
Bee Lee	Grazer
Cody Schroeder	Grazer
Walter Winder	Grazer

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Mike Zahradka	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Monica Washburn	Grazer
Trevor deBraga	Grazer

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 by Committee Chairman deBraga at 1:01 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kelly Herwick, District Water Master.

3. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**  
A **motion** was made by Committee Member Snodgrass to approve the agenda, seconded by Committee Member Kyte, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

5. **Carson Lake Pasture Operations Recommendation Development for the 2022 Grazing Season**

Kelly Herwick, District Water Master provided an update regarding current water conditions and the March forecast; probabilities between 74%-95%. Conditions are trending drier. However, March storms are forecasted. The next forecast will be available around March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Chairman deBraga reported that grazing applications had been received totaling 1,841 head – 47 head short of the 1,888 target.

Bryant Behimer, Carson Lake Pasture Manager was reluctant to provide a recommendation for numbers and start date until more information becomes available regarding the irrigation season. Behimer stated that conditions in the Pasture are the same as the end of season 2021.

Committee Chairman deBraga asked if there was a year that was similar to this year. Michele Kyte, Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen and Wes Washburn, Carson Lake Pasture Stockmen recalled that 2014 or 2015 would have been similar. Specifically, no cows entered the Pasture in 2015.

Committee Chairman deBraga solicited comments regarding entering Pasture with 100% of permitted head for a shortened grazing season or a percentage of permitted head for an extended grazing season. Walter Winder, grazer commented regarding correlation between irrigation water allotment and grazing numbers. Don Snodgrass, Greenhead Hunting Club, Inc. stated that change in water use, specifically, corn with its high water demand, impacts the irrigation season. Kenny Lee, grazer made his case for putting in a percentage. Herwick made additional comments regarding soil moisture conditions, demand for water in March and drain water.

Comments were received stating that Dennis Lee, grazer and Aaron Williams, grazer preferred to start gazing season with 100% of permitted cattle numbers. Bruce Corkill, grazer agreed. Discussion was had regarding feed needs for cattle if determined necessary for cattle to leave Pasture early, availability of drinking water on April 1, correlation of irrigation percentage to cattle numbers, temperature impacts on run-off, soil moisture conditions, and stream flows.

Mike Zahradka, Nevada Department of Wildlife expressed his concerns regarding a shortened irrigation season and the impacts to wetlands with no fencing. Winder commented regarding impacts of water use early or late in the irrigation season.

Flint Lee, grazer asked about the fencing. Jacob Ward, Nevada Department of Wildlife reported he is pulling down the wildlife fence and will begin working on a portion of the Sprig Unit fencing. There are 16 miles of internal fencing; it will take time to install new fence.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Kyte to establish the permitted cattle allotment at 100%, to be revisited prior to April 1, seconded by Committee Member Washburn, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Committee Chairman deBraga directed inquiry to Mike Zahradka regarding leaving cattle numbers at 1,841 considering below normal water forecast. Zahradka was satisfied with head count of 1,841 so long as an exact head count was provided for April 1 invoice. The Committee was in consensus regarding the head count of 1,841. However, Kenny & Flint Lee provided input regarding additional head eligible for Pasture. The Committee was then in consensus allowing Flint Lee to add an additional 47 head, bringing the total number of head expected to enter the Pasture on April 1 to the target of 1,888.

Committee Chairman deBraga advised the Committee that the Board approved the rate for fees at \$7.20 with excess funds to be put in a fencing account. In addition, \$9,000 is still owed for the chute. Therefore, an additional \$1 per head will be charged until the chute is paid for. An administrative fee of \$1.50 per head will also be charged.

Committee Chairman deBraga provided an update regarding lock replacement. There are 27 locks with an estimated replacement cost of \$1,300 per lock. The Committee consensus was to take no further action regarding lock replacement.

**6. Consent Agenda**

No action was taken regarding approval of consent agenda as no quorum was present to approve the minutes.

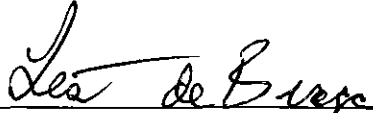
**7. Additional Public Comment**

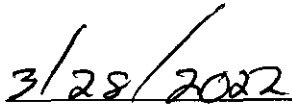
Following Wes Washburn's inquiry regarding trichomoniasis testing, clarification was provided that all bulls shall be tested within thirty (30) days before entering the Pasture. Additional discussion was had regarding matching bull identification numbers with test documentation for tests performed prior to entering the Pasture with the documentation for tests performed within forty-five (45) days of leaving the Pasture. Lastly, discussion was had following Flint Lee's inquiry regarding testing requirement for injured bulls.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Washburn to require a veterinarian certification regarding injured bulls and the inability to test for trichomoniasis, seconded by Committee Member Kyte, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Committee Chairman at 2:02 p.m.

  
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Lester deBraga, Committee Chairman

  
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