Minutes of the Board Meeting of the TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Special Session Board Meeting Minutes February 16, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, in the counties of Churchill and Lyon, State of Nevada, met in special session at the office of the District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada, on **Friday, February 16, 2024** at 10:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present: Eric Olsen President

David Stix Jr. Vice-President
Robert Oakden Secretary
Lester deBraga Treasurer
Joseph Gomes Director

Wade Workman Director (Zoom)

Absent: Abrahm Schank Director

Others Present: Benjamin Shawcroft General Manager

Helen-Marie Morrow Finance Manager

Cody Biggs Construction & Maintenance Manager

| Teleconference/Zoom Guests | Representing |
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| Jack Worsley | Bureau of Reclamation |
| Robert Owen | Bureau of Reclamation |

| In-Person Guests | Representing |
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| None | |

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 10:06 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Helen-Marie Morrow.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A <u>motion</u> 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

No Public Comment.

5. **Resolution 2024-02**

Deliberation and decision regarding a Resolution authorizing application for a WaterSmart Grant through the United States Bureau of Reclamation for water and energy efficiency. This Resolution specifically authorizes the application for the WaterSmart Grant through funding opportunity number R24AS00052 for the Funding of Improvements to be made at the Lahontan Dam Intake Tower.

General Manager Shawcroft presented the Resolution to the Board; he has been working with Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager, on a WaterSmart Grant for improvements to Lahontan Dam Intake Tower. The grant application requires a resolution by the Board authorizing the application. The application is expected to be ready for submittal on February 20th.

A <u>motion</u> was made by Vice-President Stix to approve Resolution 2024-02 authorizing the application for WaterSmart Grant R24AS00052, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. <u>Approval of Assistance Agreement R23AP00543 for the 26' Drop Power Plant Turbine Runner Upgrade Project</u>

Deliberation and decision regarding the approval of an Agreement for Financial Assistance (R23AP00543) for the funding of the 26' Drop Power Plant Turbine Runner Upgrade Project.

General Manager Shawcroft informed the Board that this grant has been in progress for several years now. The Buy America waiver is still pending. This agreement is the final step in accepting the grant to upgrade the 26' Drop Power Plant Turbine Runners.

A <u>motion</u> was made by Secretary Oakden to approve Assistance Agreement R23AP00543 for the 26' Drop Power Plant Turbine Runner Upgrade Project, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. <u>Approval of a Quote for Services from Falcon Technologies and Services (Asset Guard)</u>

Deliberation and decision regarding a quote received from Falcon Technologies and Services (Asset Guard) in the amount of \$196,966.72 for the repair of the Dog Kennel Seep located on the Truckee Canal. Payment for this repair will be made from the District's Emergency Fund.

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager, briefed the Board on the Dog Kennel Seep and previous efforts that have been made to repair it:

- In 2015 800 ft of Aqualastic was placed
- In 2019 the seep started again. The District placed a seepage blanket over the area and contracted WillowStick Technologies to identify where the seepage was originating from. Based on that survey, the District hired Reed Environmental to spray the area with a coating.

 In Fall 2023 the seep began leaking again, worse than before. The District hired WillowStick Technologies to re-survey the seep. Based on the amount of seepage and the location, both Reclamation and the District are concerned about a catastrophic failure of that canal section should no action be taken. A quote has been received from Falcon Technologies and Services for a new kind of liner.

AssetGuard, the material composing the liner, is used in mining and is extremely tough. It is estimated to last 50 years, however the company has not been in business for that long so there is no way to verify that claim. The quote is for 520 ft of AssetGuard liner and the labor to lay it. The District will clean the area beforehand and pour a new cutoff wall. Falcon Technologies estimates 7-10 days to mobilize; they are aware they are working with a limited timetable to finish before the start of irrigation season.

General Manager Shawcroft commented that there is sufficient funds in the Emergency Fund to cover this expense.

A <u>motion</u> was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the Quote for Services from Falcon Technologies and Services (AssetGuard), seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

Additional Public Comment
 No additional public comment.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 10:30 a.m.

Eric Olsen -President

Date

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Robert Oakden - Secretary