

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Committee  
Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting  
September 19, 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, September 19, 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
None present	

In-Person Guests	Representing
Deanne Workman	Self
Bert Yost	Self
Willie Steve	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
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 Committee Member Gomes to approve the **September 19, 2024 O&M Committee Meeting Agenda**, seconded by Committee Member Biggs, 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 he has been hard at work preparing for the Lahontan Tower project grant as well as preparing for the USDA funding project. Plans were being made to line the N-Line canal, however some changes have been made and now the District is planning to line the T-Line canal instead as well as add SCADA and automation sites.

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

Biggs reported work is slowing down before the off season. He has the excavators working on the Upper Soda Lake Drain. Lee Barkdull is retiring with 29 years and 9 months of service, so we will be looking for a new truck driver. He is 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 on current conditions. See the attached report.

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

Adams was not present to report.

## 6. Damage Claims Submitted

- 24-003 Deanne Workman – Deanne Workman and Bert Yost were present at the meeting. Shawcroft reported that it appeared the ditch got plugged up with weeds and caused a flood. Workman disagreed and stated that no weeds or sticks flowed into her property, the ditch overtopped and then overtopped again when the ditchrider shut the gate below her. She believes the cause was ditchrider negligence. Biggs confirmed that weeds plugged the ditch at the bridge and caused the overtopping. The water washed out a high gopher hole and created a washout. Herwick added that the ditchrider shut the gate to build the bay for a scheduled delivery to the neighbor across the road.

Shawcroft requested clarification on the amount requested; Workman is requesting \$270.00 compensation for time off work, \$3,315.00 for the time they spent digging up the septic tank, \$317.37 to replace Mr. Yost's boots that were damaged by the water and \$6,210.00 for Deadeye Dirtworks to clean up and repair the property. The District already paid for the septic tank to be pumped so that expense is not included in the total.

Shawcroft offered that the District could do the dirt work to repair the yard and gravel, Workman agreed. Shawcroft informed Workman that under Tort Law when this situation happens, her labor is not something the District is required to cover. Shawcroft asked Workman if the time she took off from work is paid or un-paid. Workman wasn't sure and can look into that.

Shawcroft offered that the District would pay the \$270.00 for Workman's days off work as long as the time was un-paid.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Shawcroft to approve a payment of \$270.00 on the condition that Ms. Workman's time off from work was unpaid, no payment if time off was paid, and that the District will repair the property, seconded by Committee Member Gomes, request for comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Chairman Stix added that if she doesn't accept the offer, she has a recourse and can appeal the O&M Committee's decision to the Board of Directors. Workman stated that she doesn't believe that is a fair offer and she does not accept it.

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)**  
No representative was present to report.
10. **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Representative(s)**  
Willie Steve, Wetlands Manager, reported on behalf of Land & Water Resource Director Bryant with a question regarding the process for communicating maintenance requests. Biggs replied that the paperwork needs to be faxed or emailed to the office, and it will be made into a Trouble Call. Steve reported that the Tribe has an order placed for the Wetlands and added that the cattle grazing contracts in the Wetlands will be terminating at the end of the month.
11. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) Representative(s)**  
No representative was present to report.
12. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Representative(s)**  
No representative was present to report. Herwick reported that NDOW has ordered water on the A-T37 and G-C17 spills.
13. **Bureau of Reclamation Representative(s)**  
Robert Owen, Bureau of Reclamation, reported that he has been working on project reviews. The Bureau is keeping an eye on the Golf Course seep along the Truckee Canal. Gate operation exercises at Derby Dam will be in the next few weeks.
14. **Request by Kim McCreary for a Sewer Line Easement**  
*Review of a request by Kim McCreary for a sewer line easement across TCID-owned property located in Fernley (APN 021-301-36).*

Shawcroft informed the Committee that the District owns a parcel of land in Fernley. Kim McCreary is developing the parcel next to it and has requested permission to run a sewer line easement through the District's parcel to connect with the main line. Chairman Stix added that he is familiar with this parcel as he attended the Lyon County Planning meeting where it was discussed. The plan provided to the District is not the most updated one, the lot is being developed into a mobile home park. There is a power easement along part of the District's parcel, and adding a sewer line easement where it has been drawn would make the property largely unusable should it be sold. Biggs commented that if the easement was moved to the front of the property along Farm District Road that would minimize the impact. Shawcroft added that late last year Mr. McCreary had contacted the District about purchasing this parcel and nothing had come of it. He will contact Mr. McCreary to see if he is still interested in purchasing the parcel.

No action was taken.

**15. Consent Agenda**

- Approval of O&M Committee Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2024 conducted at the District office, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon Nevada.

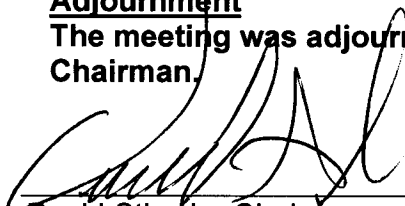
**A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Oakden to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Gomes, request for comment and the motion was approved with Chairman Stix abstaining.**

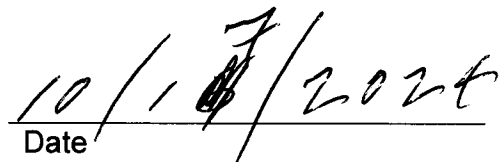
**16. Additional Period of Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

**17. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. subject to the call of the Committee Chairman.**

  
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David Stix, Jr., Chairman

  
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