

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
May 3, 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, May 3, 2022** 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
	Lester deBraga	Treasurer
	Joseph Gomes	Director
	Wade Workman	Director
	Abrahm Schank	Director (arrived at 11:00)

Others Present:	Rusty Jardine	General Manager
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master
	Cody Biggs	Construction/Maintenance Manager
	Mark Solinski	Hydroelectric Manager (left at 9:11)
	Michele Wisnefski	Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Ben Shawcroft	TCID
Jonathan Garrison	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Julie O'Shea	Farmer's Conservation Alliance
Leanna Hale	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Caitlin Skulan	Schroeder Law Offices; on behalf of David Stix Jr.
Tina Mudd	Granite Construction
Rachel Dahl	The Fallon Post

In-Person Guests	Representing
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Laurie Nicholas	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife

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 9:03 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Workman.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
A **motion** was made by Director Gomes 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**
No report was given.
6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**
 - **Rusty Jardine, General Manager**
No report was given.
 - **Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager**
Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager, reported that crews are flushing the irrigation system and addressing trouble calls. In addition, two (2) employees are completing Commercial Driver's License (CDL) school. Discussion followed.
 - **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**
Kelly Herwick, District Water Master, provided the attached report (Exhibit A) detailing current conditions, forecasts and District operations.
 - **Mike Adams, Systems & Technologies Manager**
Not present to report.
 - **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**
Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager, reported on current Lahontan storage releases, power production and cooling water problems at New Lahontan and 26' Drop Power Plants.
7. **City of Fernley – General Updates**
Not present to report.
8. **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) – General Updates**
Jonathan Garrison, Federal Officer, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, reported that the USFWS conducted its Spring Wings Bird Festival this past weekend.
9. **Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) Representative(s) – General Updates**
Jack Worsley, Area Manager, briefed the Board regarding the Extraordinary Maintenance (XM) Project status. Discussion followed regarding Derby Dam operation, specifically, the fish screen, fish ladder and pool height.

10. **Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST) – General Updates**
Leanna Hale, Land & Water Manager, reported that water delivery is running fairly smooth. The S7-3 lateral project is complete. The monthly meeting between FPST, the Bureau and the District is scheduled for May 11, 2022. In addition, the FPST, with Bureau support, is pursuing design of the S-Line Reservoir lining project.
11. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) – General Updates**
Not present to report.
12. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – General Updates**
Not present to report.
13. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) – General Updates**
Jacob Ward, Wildlife Technician, reported that NDOW participated in the Spring Wings Bird Festival this past weekend. Also, NDOW is planning a meeting to discuss water deliveries.
14. **Farmer’s Conservation Alliance (FCA) – General Updates**
Julie O’Shea, Executive Director, reported that FCA has been working with the District to generate a list of Carson Division priority projects with which to target applicable Appropriations funding. In addition, FCA is working with NRCS regarding the Watershed and Flood Prevention Act (PL-566) Program and the Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR).
15. **Continuing Evaluation of 2022 Water Supply and 2022 Water Delivery Rules**
Discussion was had relating to a continuing evaluation of available water supply or allocation for the Newlands Federal Reclamation Project, Nevada, for water season 2022 and adjustment, if any, to water delivery rules, including, without limitation, setting of the water season start date, end date, and setting of any limitations of use or uses imposed upon Newlands Project facilities, such as the Truckee Canal -as a result of improvements to be made thereto commencing in October of 2022, or at other times and places, during the 2022 water season. No decision was made.
16. **Special Election Schedule for Repayment Contract to Reclamation for Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project**
Discussion was had relating to approval/denial of a special election schedule for a June 14, 2022 special election of the District relating to the approval/denial by the electors of the District for a contract of repayment for work to be performed on the Truckee Canal as Extraordinary Maintenance (XM). The repayment contract must be approved by the electors of the District. No action was taken due to insufficient information with which to make a decision regarding a special election schedule.
17. **Appointment of Election Officers to Serve at Special Election of the Board of Directors Relating to the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project**
Discussion was had relating to appointment of special election support personnel (three (3) inspectors, and two (2) election clerks) for both election sites (Fallon and Fernley). See Exhibit B.

A motion was made by Vice President Stix to approve the appointment of special election support personnel (three (3) inspectors, and two (2) election clerks) for both election sites (Fallon and Fernley), as presented, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

18. Proposal by The Ferguson Group for Advocacy Services

Discussion was had relating to approval/denial of a proposal by The Ferguson Group (TFG) of Washington, D.C. to provide advocacy services for the District, including, without limitation, pursuit of potential funding from federal sources, such as loans and grants, for purposes of implementing improvements to the Truckee Canal as described in the Record of Decision for Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance entered December 2020, by Ernest Conant, Regional Director for the United States Bureau of Reclamation. Such services are to be provided by Mark Limbaugh, President of TFG, and by Lane Dickson, Principal. Terms of the proposal include a reduced monthly fee of \$5,000 for a term to be approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Director Workman to approve a contract with The Ferguson Group (TFG) for a term not to exceed 3 months, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion passed 4 in favor and 2 opposed. Vice President Stix and Treasurer deBraga opposed.

19. Appointment of Ben Shawcroft, Esq., as State Executive for Nevada and Member of the Board of Directors of the National Water Resources Association

Discussion was had in relation to approval/denial of appointment of Ben Shawcroft, Esq., newly appointed General Manager and Counsel for the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, to serve as a State Executive and Member of the Board of Directors to the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) of which the District is an affiliate. The NWRA is a Washington D.C. based organization that advocates on behalf of individuals and organizations involved in the management of water resources –including irrigation districts. NWRA activity includes provision of a supporting role to its membership such as representation in proceedings before the United States Congress relating to water resources as well as in matters before the Executive Branch of the federal government including the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Environmental Protection. Upon approval, Ben Shawcroft would succeed Rusty D.Jardine, Esq., out-going General Manager and Counsel, as the State Executive for Nevada and Member of the Board of Directors of the NWRA.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to appoint Ben Shawcroft, Esq. as State Executive for Nevada and Member of the Board of Directors of the National Water Resources Association, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

20. Resolution No. 2022-05 Approving Grant Application for WaterSMART Small Scale Water Efficiency Project Grant Through the United States Bureau of Reclamation

Discussion was had relating to approval/denial of an application by the District for a small scale water efficiency project grant through the United States Bureau of Reclamation. This grant, if approved by Reclamation, would provide federal funding in

the amount of \$100,000 to be used by the District to provide for satellite data acquisition and retrieval associated with 31 water measurement sites in the Carson Division of the Newlands Federal Reclamation Project. This grant, matched through labor and funds of the District, would complete replacement of all remaining obsolete water measurement data loggers and provide water delivery data to the main office of the District in near real time relating to over 200 points of water delivery.

A motion was made by Vice President Stix to approve Resolution No. 2022-05 Approving Grant Application for WaterSMART Small Scale Water Efficiency Project Grant through the United States Bureau of Reclamation, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

21. Development of Recommendations to District Electors Regarding Repayment and Outage Schedule for the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project and Related Matters

Deliberation was had relating to formulation of recommendations to be made to the electors of the District relating to conditions of repayment to the United States for the cost of repairs made to the Truckee Canal and for the term of an outage in which to perform such extraordinary maintenance, including, without limitation, the timing and length of an outage, provision of best notice to electors of an election to be conducted approving a repayment, and recommendation for the form of a ballot question. This matter follows discussion had by the Board of Directors at a special meeting conducted Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Approval by the electors of the District, made upon election, is required pursuant to NRS 539.297.

Highlights of discussion included the following:

- The construction solicitation will include a 12-month window for completion.
- Consideration of an outage window starting in June or July, rather than October.
- Project completion is weather dependent (liner and concrete installation requires warm weather; summer months; over 40 degrees to weld liner).
- Costs increase with additional outage window (from 1 to 2 outages).
- Consideration of waiting a year to begin project; inflation will increase cost.
- Compensation for water users affected by "man-made" outage.
- Jack Worsley, Area Manager, discussed risk assessment; 3.5 miles at highest risk – 90% probability of canal failure in 20 years if no action taken. Reduction in scope also based on District's ability to pay for repairs.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve an outage schedule of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 for completion of the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project, seconded by Director Gomes and request for comment.

A motion was made by Vice President Stix to amend the motion to strike out "October 1, 2022 to September 30" and insert "to begin July 1, 2023." The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve an outage schedule of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 for completion of the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was approved 6 in favor, 1 opposed. Vice-President Stix opposed.

22. 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 April 5, 2022.

A motion was made by Director Gomes to approve the Consent Agenda items including the Director's Compensation for the month of April, 2022 and the Board meeting minutes of April 5, 2022, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

23. Committee Reports

• **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of April 2022.

• **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Committee**

Lester deBraga, Committee Chairman briefed the Board of Directors regarding the CLP Committees' discussion regarding drain water flows on the Carson Lake Pasture for wildlife marsh purposes in a short water year.

• **Finance Committee**

Finance Committee Recommendations:

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on May 2, 2022.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve funding for The Ferguson Group (TFG) contract from the Legal Account; including check numbers 42367 through 42455, online, phone and automatic payments, and transfer of \$86,738.71 to pay bills, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Negotiations Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of April 2022. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 9, 2022.
- **Policy Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of April 2022.
- **Employee Relations Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of April 2022.
- **Public Relations Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of April 2022. Abraham Schank, Chairman reported on his efforts to keep the community informed via The Fallon Post. Discussion followed.
- **Revenue/IT Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of April 2022.
- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**
There was no meeting held for the month of April 2022.

24. Additional Public Comment

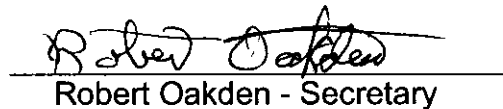
President Olsen noted the passing of Brian Baley and Tim Gallagher.

25. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 11:20 a.m.


Eric Olsen - President

6-21-22
Date


Robert Oakden - Secretary

6/17/22
Date



Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Newlands Project

5/03/2022

BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eric Olsen, President
 David Stix, Jr., Vice-President
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 Abraham Schank, Director
 Joseph Gomes, Director
 Wade Workman, Director
 Rusty D. Jardine, Esq., District Manager &
 General Counsel

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

- **Truckee Div.**
 - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 861cfs
 - Truckee Canal: 438cfs
 - <1cfs in Gilpen Spill
 - 437cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
 - Water Master "Derby flow Target": 326.5cfs
 - Below Derby Gauge: 350cfs
 - 400cfs at TC canal at Hazen
- **Carson Div.**
 - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: 340cfs
 - Lahontan Storage: 149,208 a.f. / prev. 04/03/2022 @ 140,706 a.f. ; Diff. +8,502 a.f.
 - Release below Lahontan: 525cfs
 - Total Inflows: 740cfs/ approx. 1465 a.f. at 24hrs
 - Month End Storage target: 224,800 af/ would require approx. 85,200 af of Diversions
 - This is greater than the amount of water available for diversion from the Truckee River.

DISTRICT STATUS: Forecasting

- May. 2022 TROA outlook: Reservoir End of Month values
 - May-2022
 - Projected 135,604/ assumption of the median value
 - APR-2022
 - 153,777 a.f. projected end of month storage
 - -4,395 a.f. short of end of month projection/ 97.1% of accuracy
- May. 2022 TROA outlook: Monthly Avg. flows
 - May-2022
 - 374cfs Canal at Wads Avg. flow
 - 141cfs Ft. Churchill Avg. flow
- *Additional information*
 - *TC canal using 2020 & 2021 Inflow data*
 - *May thru August forecast @ 28,036*
- *MAy 2022 Water Supply Outlook Report*
 - *Carson R @ Ft Churchill – **May-Jul** & TC canal using 2020 & 2021 Inflow data: May thru August forecast @ 28,036*
 - 70% exceedance : 67% allocation / End of Season at end of August
 - 50% exceedance : 70% allocation / End of Season at beginning September
 - 30% exceedance : 74% allocation / End of Season at beg. to mid. Month September

ELECTION WORKERS for June 14, 2022 SPECIAL ELECTION

ELECTION BOARD (Need 2)

**Donna Wilberg
Shelly Zmerzlikar**

COUNTING BOARD (INSPECTORS) (Need 3)

**Lucy Rickman
Kae Ward
Lisa Beddel**

**FERNLEY
ELECTION BOARD (Need 2)**

**Kathy Thome
Bette Harper**

COUNTING BOARD (INSPECTORS) (Need 3)

**Bonnie Rardin
April Homme
Sierra Keathley-Dunn**