

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Regular Session
May 7, 2007

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 offices of the District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

President, Ernest C. Schank called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in compliance with NRS Chapter 241. The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

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| Present: | Ernest C. Schank | President |
| | Richard Harriman | Vice President |
| | Ray Peterson | Secretary |
| | Larry Miller | Director |
| | Lester deBraga | Treasurer |
| | Don Travis | Director |
| Others Present: | Dave Overvold | Project Manager |
| Absent: | Jerry Blodgett | Director |

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by.

Presentation of Awards

President Ernie Schank presented two awards. He presented to **Mr. Howard King**, in appreciation for 10 years of loyal service to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, and **Director Richard Harriman**, for his dedication in serving on the Board of Directors for 15 years for the water users of the Newlands Project.

Supervisors Reports

Ted Renfroe, Shop Foreman

Ted reported that he has sold both of the old fuel tanks and the horse hauler. The Caterpillar (D7) is in the shop awaiting parts. Ted would like to put vehicle #12, a 1992 GMC C-1500 Pickup used by the Weed Department, up for sale.

Ted also reported that the welders on his team were busy making hand rails, meter boxes and stilling wells.

The vacant Fernley Ditch House has burned down to the ground. Arson is suspected. **John Baker** said that the State Fire Marshall would be visiting the site. There are two other vacant ditch houses which are periodically inspected to help ensure security. **Ted** went to the Factory ditch house last Friday and put wood up in the windows so that no one could get into the house through the windows. There is no real vandalism, to date, that he could see. **Dave Overvold** informed the Board that there have been several individuals who have expressed interest in renting the St. Clair ditch house.

Dave asked the Board if they had each received a copy of the letter he wrote to USFW, as they will be in at 10:00 a.m. for discussion. **Director Lester deBraga** indicated that there was another instance of taking water without having placed an order, which resulted in the flooding of a portion of his field.

Kelly Cecil, Hydro Foreman

Kelly reported on the hydro department readings as follows:

| Location | KWs |
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| 26' Drop | 240 KW |
| New Power Plant | 980 KW |
| Old Power Plant | 1,300 KW |
| TOTAL: | 2,520 KW |

One of the security cameras located at the Gilpin Spill has been shot out. The camera recorded someone using a water department key to enter through the gate, lock the gate and then shot out the camera. Kelly has had the locks on the gate changed. A copy of the tape was given to Dave Overvold, Project Manager and the Lyon County Sherriff's Department, which is investigating the incident.

Kelly also reported that the new traveling screens at the 26' drop are working well.

Walter Winder, O&M Foreman

Walter reported that the long reach is parked out at Stillwater and the short reach is currently being used on the Rogers Road drain project. They are 1,000 feet into the Rogers Road project at this time. Walter indicated that the work was going fairly well since renting a trench box to aid in completion. He also said that his team is working off the TCID easement and is not encroaching upon anyone's land. The landowners were notified on February 2nd that work would be commencing. There is ongoing discussion on whether the county will be replacing the landowner's fencing along Rogers Road, as it is maintained by the county.

The O&M team has completed the L1-4 and A12 ramps. Walter said that there is ongoing work on pillars, gates and gopher holes. There has been a new structure installed on the L6.

John Baker, Water Master

John reported the following water storage levels data:

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| Lahontan Elevation | 4,157.08 | Feet |
| Lahontan Storage | 234,600 | Acre Feet |
| Lahontan Out Flow | 447 | CFS |
| Carson River Flow At Fort Churchill | 314 | CFS |
| Truckee River Flow At Vista | 662 | CFS |
| Truckee Canal Flow At Wadsworth | 264 | CFS |
| Truckee Canal At Hazen (Bango) | 360 | CFS |
| Truckee River Below Derby Dam | 267 | CFS |
| Spilling At Gilpin Approximately | N/A | CFS |

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| Diverted Last Month | 38,528 AF |
| Delivered Last Month: | 19,691 AF |
| Efficiency Last Month: | 51.1% |

Brian Baley, Water Master

Brian informed that there is great need for more burning during winter time due to the large accumulation of tumble weeds, etc. throughout the project, causing a lot of plugs. He would also like to have more firebreaks for safer burning.

President Ernie Schank stated that he would like to see the ditch riders provided with a small canister of weed killer for use around structures while they are working. With regards to the ditch riders scheduling of water, he said it does not seem to be working too well.

Brian is still in the process of having two of his ditch riders in training. **John Baker, Water Master**, also indicated that not all of the ditch riders are getting along. Water users are not being readily contacted and have to call the ditch riders themselves. Ditch riders need to stay in touch with their water users and keep them apprised of the status of delivery. **Director Larry Miller** said that some of the water users have placed orders but work during the day, creating a lack of efficiency because they are not taking the water when it is available.

Dave Overvold, Project Manager, informed that there is a problem with accurate measuring on the S-Line and would like to install a ramp flume next year to help alleviate this problem.

Director Lester deBraga suggested canceling orders if a water user is not taking the water, on a consistent basis, when it is available.

Director Don Travis said that it would be a bit difficult for the new recruits to approach some of the irrigators and tell them their orders are being canceled. It would be easier for John Baker or Brian Baley to step up and do this. When Director Travis orders water it is his personal policy to make it a point to be prepared to take that water when it is available. **President Ernie Schank** reiterated that the ditch riders should stay in touch with the water user to make sure that they have taken the water. **Director Don Travis** also stated that he and other farmers he has spoken with have been very patient with the new ditch rider hires but patience is wearing thin. It is time to do the job. **Director Lester deBraga** said that regardless, there is still a communication problem between the two shifts that needs to be rectified. He believes that switching partners within each district team would be a good idea so that they are exposed to working with each other rather than the same person all the time. **John Baker** restated that the use of specific steps in which the water is released be used. They have used set ways of doing things in the past, but these are not being effectively utilized. He said that continually writing up individuals who do not conform will result in letting people go and having new hires again. **Director Lester deBraga** disagreed, stating that if someone is not doing their job the way it is intended to be done then they should be let go and the District should move on to someone who will do it the way it should be done regardless of continuing to have new hires in the field. An individual should not be allowed to continue working just because it is a hardship to train a new hire. It makes the water masters look bad and results in the farmers receiving less than adequate service from the ditch rider. The District is to the point that it cannot let these individuals run things at the expense of the water users. He is willing to back up the water masters 100% should they need to go this route. **Director Larry Miller** would like to see some of the new hires of other departments, learn to be ditch riders in the event someone must be let go. He does not believe that the managers should be expected to fill in all the time as they have their own jobs. **Dave Overvold** stated that there are several veteran ditch riders currently working with the O&M team who are available for backup. Both of these individuals have previous experience and would be able to step in when needed. **John Baker** stated that if there are veteran ditch riders dedicated to the water department when called upon, he does not want to deal with these individuals saying that they no longer wish to be a relief ditch rider just because they now work with another department now. They must know that when called upon by the water department they are expected to stand in as relief ditch riders regardless of being a regular member of another department.

Director Don Travis said he would like to see the District look a bit deeper and utilize some of the many job fairs that are available for exposure to the jobs available with TCID and possibly find individuals interested who may not have otherwise known about what the District has to offer. **Water Master, Brian Baley** agreed and has previously thought about expanding the District's horizons in

regards to hiring. He believes that there are experienced ditch riders out there in other locations that may be interested in coming to this area but have not had the opportunity offered.

President Ernie Schank backed up what Director Lester deBraga had previously stated in regards to the schedule. It is the shift changes and the lack of the teams working together, particularly the Factory district. The new ditch riders are doing what they can. When it is time to make the shift change are the water masters available to see that there is communication between its team members? **John Baker** indicated that he and Brian are both listening to their teams, trying to help with the turn over in shifts and which water users are on and who gets the water next and who has been scheduled. They should be provided with the tools for communication such as notepads and writing utensils, if they have not already provided.

Finance Committee Recommendations

Director Lester deBraga, committee chair, reported the following from the April 18, 2007 meeting:

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| <p>Ernie Schank made a <u>motion</u> to pull funds out of the following Reserve funds in the order listed, Land Acquisition Fund, Electrical, Equipment, and AB 380, to cover any Operating Expenses that will not be covered by revenues. Margaret Clifford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.</p> | <p>Margaret provided information on revenue and expenses for the year 2006-2007 through 4/17/07. She explained the expenses both paid and projected. The projected revenue will not cover the expenses causing shortages in the Operating Budget.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the Operating Budget and what unforeseen expenses were the biggest offenders. It seems that our legal expenses have almost doubled what was budgeted for. That alone has had the biggest impact on the expenses. Payroll was the biggest expense but still within budget. However, the Legal costs are exceeding what has been budgeted for the year. The committee felt that a meeting with Mr. Van Zandt might be helpful in enlisting his assistance to get the legal expenses under control.</p> |
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Board Action Taken:

A motion was made by **Director Lester deBraga** to pull from the funds in the order recommended by the finance committee; Land Acquisition Fund, Electrical Fund, Equipment Fund and AB 380, to cover any expenses not covered by revenue between now and the end of the fiscal year seconded by **Director Larry Miller** and unanimously approved.

Review/Approve April 2007 Disbursements

A **motion** was made by **Director Richard Harriman** to approve the April 2007 disbursements for the New Lahontan Hydro Power Plant paid prior to Board approval and unpaid seconded by **Director Ray Peterson** and unanimously approved.

A **motion** was made by **Director Larry Miller** to approve the April 2007 general disbursements paid prior to Board approval and to pay the unpaid bills seconded by **Director Jerry Blodgett** and unanimously approved.

Supervisors were excused at 10:05 a.m.

United States Fish & Wildlife Service

Mr. Mike Goddard reported for the USFW. Mike asked Dave Overvold, Project Manager, for a meeting after the review of the recently received letter from Mr. Overvold.

Dave asked Mr. Goddard if he was aware of the three separate occasions that water has been taken by the USFW without orders having been made in advance. **Director Lester deBraga** informed Mr. Goddard that the last week in March 2007, several acres of his field had been flooded.

Mr. Goddard continued with an update from his meeting with the O&M Committee. He proposed installing two gates to restrict access on the S-Line easement so as not to disturb the wildlife habitat. He also proposed taking over the maintenance of the S-Line between the gated sections providing TCID with a key to the gates. Mike provided a photograph of the area he is proposing to gate. Mr. Goddard reviewed a portion of the 40 year agreement with the District where he interpreted it to say that the USFW service had the right to take over control of portions of easements that were on USFW grounds. **Dave Overvold** informed Mr. Goddard that he had reviewed the 40 year agreement with District Legal Counsel, and stated that he disagreed with Mr. Goddard's interpretation. Dave said that he would, however, take time to discuss this issue with Mr. Goddard at a later time. He also indicated that he intended to discuss the issue with the Bureau. He cited another reason for ditch riders to drive the ditch bank is to make sure that there is no unauthorized use, which is a concern. **President Ernie Schank** indicated that he did not believe the District was able to turn over easements if there are private owners beyond a subject point on a lateral. His suggestion is to cover these basic issues with the Bureau before any decisions are made. **Mr. Goddard** again stated that his interest in the canal was to limit the amount of traffic that creates a disturbance to the wetlands.

Mr. Goddard provided an aerial of the area he is proposing to gate. Mr. Goddard may consider the installation of a traffic counter to justify gate installation.

Mr. Goddard also discussed filling in Hunter Drain along County Road and south. **President Ernie Schank** informed Mr. Goddard that should the District allow him to move forward with his proposal, a public hearing to close off the drain would need to be held.

Review/Approve Consolidation of Billing for Small Acreages through NWPA

Jamie Mills, Executive Director, NWPA reported that if the judge does not rule in favor of NWPA with regard to the notice requirements under the petition case, there will be many water owners not wanting to pursue litigation and get out of the program any way they possibly can. At NWPA they want to try and keep TCID whole. They hear the Tribe talking about the possibility of paying people to retire their water rights with no intention of paying in lieu to TCID to keep them whole. NWPA suggested accepting donations of those water rights to ensure that TCID does not take a hit on O & M; however, NWPA does not want to be required to pay the \$150 on each water right. NWPA would like to be up and running and ready to deal with whatever is involved before the time comes. If NWPA wins the ruling, the water rights could be transferable. The deadline for briefs was last week and there is to be a status conference on Wednesday or Thursday. In an email Mr. Springmeyer told Jamie that he anticipated asking for a continuance of the status meeting because he wanted a chance to review the briefs prior to that meeting. Jamie informed that she prepared a declaration along with the MVZ brief. Elizabeth from MVZ prepared a brief on the AB 380 program and Michael Van Zandt prepared a brief regarding the errors in the spreadsheet. Issues with the USFW have been resolved.

The request before the Board today is that NWPA be treated similarly to some of the other organizations and entities and charged O&M based on one number as opposed to many, should it ever become an issue. The Board agreed to do this previously in a similar circumstance in regards to developers who needed a way to get the water off their property that the county was not willing to take. Those individuals remaining that have acknowledged receipt of service and have not changed ownership over the years. Jamie expects that some of them will want to get rid of their water rights. NWPA would keep these water rights in a pool. If they are declared valid and eligible water rights for transfer by the court, NWPA could put them up for sale. The goal is to see that TCID gets paid O&M.

President Ernie Schank agreed that the concept is a good one. **Director Don Travis** stated that Jamie Mills and the NWPA have developed the trust of the community and would like the District to work with her on an agreement.

A **motion** was made by **Director Don Travis** to allow NWPA to present TCID with a written agreement to consolidate the billing of small acreages of donated water rights seconded by **Director Lester deBraga** and unanimously approved.

Review/Approve April 2007 Director’s Compensation

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| Ernest C. Schank | \$240.00 |
| Richard Harriman | \$240.00 |
| Ray Peterson | \$280.00 |
| Larry Miller | \$120.00 |
| Jerry Blodgett | \$284.39 |
| Lester deBraga | \$130.00 |
| Don Travis | \$160.00 |

A **motion** was made by **Director Jerry Blodgett** to pay the April 2007 Directors Compensation seconded by **Director Ray Peterson** and unanimously approved.

Recess

A **motion** was made by **Director Richard Harriman** to recess at 11:26 a.m. for viewing of “Shaping of the West” and lunch seconded by **Director Ray Peterson** and unanimously approved.

The Board Reconvened at 12:37 P.M.

Dave Overvold, Project Manager, reviewed his previous recommendation on old protests that were filed by the District. The State Engineer had asked Dave if the District was going to continue with the protests but after being informed by Chris Mahannah that these types of transfers were no longer protested, follow up was not necessary.

A **motion** by **Director Richard Harriman** was made to withdraw the five protests seconded by **Director Jerry Blodgett** and unanimously approved.

Review/Approve 2007 Annual Operating Plan Draft

Dave Overvold, Project Manager reviewed the draft of the 2007 Annual Operating Plan based on the April 1, 2007 forecast of just 20,000 AF, which is very low. The dry situation used was a 95% exceedence. With a 95% exceedence, which would drain the reservoir, there would have to be a cutback on releases. There would not be a full supply of water if there were to be a 95% exceedence. A draft copy was also sent to Elizabeth Rieke at the Bureau of Reclamation.

A **motion** was made by **Director Lester deBraga** to approve the 2007 Annual Operating Plan seconded by **Director Jerry Blodgett** and unanimously approved.

Review/Approve Personnel Matters

A **motion** was made by **Director Don Travis** to approve the employee evaluations as presented seconded by **Director Jerry Blodgett** and unanimously approved with **Director Larry Miller** abstaining his vote from the employee evaluation of Sharlene Haddox due to a family relationship, making the vote on her evaluation 6-0, the motion passed.

Review/Approve Outsourcing of TCID Computer Information Systems Maintenance and Repair

Kate Rutan reported on the IT issue in the office. Mike Adams, TCID Mechanic, is also the regular IT person called when problems arise. There have recently been scheduling conflicts in Mike’s schedule resulting in a hardship for the two departments, the office and the shop. Kate reported that to prioritize one department over the other is not fair as they are both very important to the operations of the

District. The decision to outsource has nothing to do with Mike's performance, as he has provided excellent service in all areas. The only problem is scheduling conflicts.

Kate researched possible solutions as follows:

1. Hire another mechanic so the shop does not suffer when Mike is needed for IT work.
2. Hire someone to do our IT work.
3. Outsource the IT.

Kate indicated that the most economical choice would be to outsource the IT work. She received bids from several local IT companies:

| | IT Company | Per Hour | Comments |
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| 1. | Faucette Microsystems | \$85 | \$50 additional charge if called before 1:00 p.m. |
| 2. | Comp-U-Build | \$90 | Annual bids by # of hours were also provided. |
| 3. | Oasis Online | \$100 | Detailed proposal also available |
| 4. | Probe Systems | \$ | |
| 5. | Systems Consultants | | No bid provided |
| 6. | Computer Rescue of Fernley | \$65 | \$45 per hour each additional hour; standard rates apply to specific jobs. |
| 7. | Advanced Computer Technologies | | Brochure available. Willing to negotiate. |

If the IT work is outsourced, Mike Adams would continue to maintain the website and do backups.

A **motion** was made by **Director Don Travis** to allow **Dave Overvold, Project Manager**, to meet with **Ted Renfro, Shop Foreman**, when initial IT work is needed so that he can approve releasing Mike to do IT work. Any overtime worked by Mike Adams due to necessity is pre-approved. Dave will be given the latitude to call upon any of the IT companies named should the work require more time or knowledge than Mike is able to provide seconded by **Director Jerry Blodgett** and unanimously approved.

Employee Relations Committee – Action on Proposal – Director Jerry Blodgett, Committee Chair

This item has been deferred to be an action item on the next Board meeting agenda of Thursday, June 7, 2007 using the May 2007 Cost of Living Index as a guide.

Review/Approve March 7, 2007 Regular Session Board Minutes; March 20, 2007 Special Session Board Minutes; April 9, 2007 Regular Session Board Minutes and April 24, 2007 Special Session Board Minutes as follows:

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| April 9, 2007 Regular Session Board Minutes: | A <u>motion</u> was made by Director Larry Miller to approve the April 9, 2007 Regular Session Board Minutes seconded by Director Jerry Blodgett and unanimously approved. |
| April 24, 2007 Special Session Board Minutes: | A <u>motion</u> was made by Director Larry Miller to approve the April 24, 2007 Special Session Board Minutes seconded by Director Lester deBraga and unanimously approved. |
| March 7, 2007 Regular Session Board Minutes: | A <u>motion</u> was made by Director Lester deBraga to approve the March 7, 2007 Regular Session Board Minutes seconded by Director Ray Peterson and unanimously approved. |
| March 20, 2007 Special Session Board Minutes: | A <u>motion</u> was made by Director Lester deBraga to approve the March 20, 2007 Special Session Board Minutes seconded by Director Jerry Blodgett and approved by a vote of 6-0 with Director Larry Miller abstaining from the motion. |

O&M Committee Recommendations

Director Ray Peterson, committee chair reported the following:

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| 1. Review Accident Incident Reports | The Incident report from Mike Landry on 4/24/07 when the head from |
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| <p><u>and Damage Claims</u></p> <p>No Board action required.</p> | <p>the G Line was turned down the A Line without checking the canal or notifying the next person scheduled for water. The A Line was boarded up and the water went over the bank flooding Mr. Dale Smith's stack yard. Mr. Landry was written up for 1) Not checking the ditch; 2) Sending a head of water to a drain; 3) Not notifying the water user.</p> <p>Incident report from Matt Maguire on 4/11/07 regarding the loss of his calculator in the S12.</p> <p>Damage Claim made by Dale Smith for \$793.80. Damage was done on 4/24/07 when the above mentioned incident reported by Mike Landry flooded his stack yard. Mr. Smith claims that the bottom 126 bales were soaked. Mr. Smith states that bales have averaged 105 lbs. that would mean a loss of 6.615 tons. They sell for \$120 per ton, this totals \$793.80. A motion was made by Richard Harriman to authorize Dave Overvold to pay the damage claim of \$793.80 to Dale Smith, was seconded by Jerry Blodgett and approved by all present.</p> |
| <p><u>2. Review O&M Matters with United States Fish & Wildlife Service</u></p> <p>The committee does not recommend approval of the gates on the easement. Dave will write a letter to the BOR to get clarification about easements on Government property as well as the USFWS's plans to make a portion of the S-Line a protected habitat for water fowl.</p> | <p>Mike Goddard is present representing the USFWS and their plans to close a drain off Hunter Rd. Dave told him to fill out an application and told him about the process. Mr. Goddard then explained his plans to use a portion of the S Line as habitat for the water fowl. They have installed one gate and intend to put another at the other end of the S Line to restrict access on the easement so as not to disturb the wildlife. Access for maintenance would be permitted with permission from the USFWS as the gates would be locked and we would not have a key. Walter and Dave explained that it is the policy of District to not allow gates across easements. The S Line is still an active lateral and the ditchriders need to be able to travel the easement and should on a regular basis to keep an eye on potential problems. Also, roads that are well traveled do not have a big problem with rodent holes that cause failure in ditch banks. Mr. Goddard felt that the District did not have an easement on the S Line because the Government owns the property and therefore the easement. Dave disagreed and stated that the gates would have to have board approval.</p> |
| <p><u>3. Review Drain on Dale Smith Property</u></p> <p>No Board action is required at this time.</p> <p>\$10,000 for pipe to be paid by Mr. Smith.</p> | <p>Mr. Dale Smith was present to ask the committee to clean the drain that is on his property. The drain has no name and is believed to be a private drain. Mr. Smith believes that Bud Ernst had TCID put the drain in but there is no easement and it is not part of District facilities. Mr. Harriman suggested we contact Mr. Ernst to find out who dug the drain. Dave suggested that the drain be piped as the soil is such that the sides of the drain would be constantly sloughing into the drain and maintenance would be costly. Walter will do a cost estimate for the pipe and try and persuade Mr. Smith that to pipe the drain would be the best solution. Mr. Smith would also have to deed an easement to the District.</p> |
| <p><u>4. Wasting Water on the Perry Subdivision – Dennis Zubieta</u></p> <p>No Board action required.</p> | <p>Mr. Zubieta was present to explain to the committee the problems he is having with three people that water in his subdivision. Mr. Zubieta has called and talked to Jerry Blodgett the Board Director that represents the Fernley area and Jerry agrees with Mr. Zubieta that the wasting of water is a serious problem and will not be tolerated. One of the subdivision members used water for 5 hours and flooding on Farm District road as well as other properties in the subdivision. Mr. Zubieta says that communication with the individuals in the subdivision is impossible and is asking the committee to send something to the three individuals to reform their water wasting ways. Dave will send a letter to them and a copy to Mr. Zubieta.</p> |

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| <p>5. <u>Review Application for Pumping Basin on River – Mark Hyde</u></p> <p>No Board action required.</p> | <p>Mr. Hyde has been pumping out of the river since he moved there and only recently realized that a permit to pump is required. He has talked to Walter and has plans to build a pumping basin similar to the one done by Bruce Lewis. He has obtained a permit from Joanne Luiz to pump until he can go through the process of transferring water rights. The committee stated that he will need a meter on the pump and must monitor the amount of water that is being used.</p> |
| <p>6. <u>Review New Takeout on the T12 for the Golf Course – Steve Biddenger</u></p> <p>No Board action required.</p> | <p>Mr. Biddenger talked to Walter about TCID installing a new takeout off the T12. The original plan was to pump out of the drain into one of their ponds and from there they would sprinkle the golf course. The committee thought that there was some plan for the golf course to use the effluent from Churchill County's Water Treatment Plant part of which is being installed next to the golf course. Dave said that before anything can be done it must be determined if they have any water rights. They would also have to go through the process and order water when they wanted to use the takeout and install a flow meter.</p> |
| <p>7. <u>Review Request for a Variance of Subdivision Policy – Steele/Wadsworth</u></p> <p>The committee recommends that the board approve a motion to allow the Steele's a one year extension to the Subdivision Policy that requires subdivided property to install a piped or concrete irrigation system.</p> <p>A <u>motion</u> was made by Director Richard Harriman to vary from the TCID Subdivision Policy allowing a one year extension seconded by Director Jerry Blodgett and unanimously approved.</p> | <p>A request from Jennifer Steel for an extension of the Subdivision Policy that requires irrigated land that is subdivided be piped. Her request states that the property that has been subdivided is in production and leased to Wadsworth. It would cause a hardship to Wadsworth to install an irrigation system across his planted field. The Steele's would like an extension of one year.</p> |
| <p>8. <u>Review Bridge off Miller Lane</u></p> <p>No Board action required.</p> <p>A truck caved in the wing wall and the deck. Walter Winder would now like to pipe this crossing. The other option is a box culvert for a bridge. Mr. Miller must first make application and pay fee prior to any Board action.</p> | <p>There is a bridge off Miller that is a crossing for the TC-4. The property is owned by Randall Miller and the bridge is in danger of falling into the TC-4 and obstructing the flow of water in the TC-4. Mr. Miller and Walter are to get together on Friday and discuss Mr. Miller's options. Walter would like to pipe the TC-4 on the portion that crosses the Miller's property and the other options are a box culvert or remove the old bridge.</p> |
| <p>9. <u>Gates on the Truckee Canal</u></p> <p>The committee recommends that the Board consider the option of automatic gates on the easements for individuals wanting gates on their property.</p> | <p>Because of the interest shown by the residents that live on the Truckee Canal to install two gates one on each end between the two takeouts to prevent the increased traffic that is using the easement to gain access to BLM land where they ride their motorcycles and quads. The committee is sympathetic to the concerns of the property owners but does not want to see gates on easements. As a solution Walter was asked to investigate the cost of an automatic gate. One that interested property owners could install at their own cost and could be operated by District employees.</p> |
| <p>10. <u>Review Hickcox Field Owned by Hammond</u></p> <p>No Board action required.</p> | <p>Mr. Dalton Lowery removed a pipe that was plugged up with sand and debris and being used to drain a field. The blocked pipe was causing flooding into residential area of a neighbor. The committee looked at the area in question after lunch. Dave would like to see a new pipe put in that would drain into a drain area instead of the field</p> |

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next to the residence. There is still some question regarding the ownership of the drain pipe that was removed and if TCID will replace it.

Bureau of Reclamation

Locke Hahne attended for the Bureau. Locke was asked if the USFW had approached the Bureau regarding their proposal to gate the S-Line and he informed that they had not. He will take the information provided to the Board by USFW back to the Bureau.

The Bureau has dispatched **Pete Neugebauer** to take photos of the Fernley Ditch House that recently burned to the ground. The Bureau will also be checking the site for hazardous materials. Locke would like to begin the clean up process as soon as possible. He will also check with Lyon County for their process in closing off a septic system.

The Bureau is currently in the process of taking over three properties being turned over by the District.

President Ernie Schank again addressed the issue of the USFW request to close off a drain that is on the property purchased from the Kent family, but is also a Newlands Project facility. **Director Lester deBraga** has expressed concerns about the drain being closed because of a drainage issue. The drain was originally installed because of a drainage problem and the problem still remains. It was mentioned to the USFW at today's meeting that it would be necessary for them to go through the hearing process to close the drain, should this come about.

President Ernie Schank also informed Locke that the Mid-Pacific Conference would be held in Reno this year and they would like information on the process necessary to be able to take the attendees on a tour of all the dams, etc. **Locke** informed the Board that a list of all names would need to be provided of those individuals who would be taking the tour for the purpose of security. Those individuals would be required to present that identification on the day of the tour. Several specific locations were mentioned that the Board would like to include in the tour as follows:

1. Derby Dam (drive-by)
2. Lahontan Dam and Tower House
3. Both Power Plants
4. TCID Mobile Museum

Locke provided an explanation of his recent letter to the District. Now that Fernley is urbanizing they are constructing a lot of homes up against the canal. At one of the subdivisions off Ricci Lane the contractor has cut into the underground water table that is below the canal creating a pool of water at that location. If the developer does not fix this in any of the subdivision areas, the Bureau must have a way of reviewing the engineering in that fix. The reason for this is to reduce future risks. Subdivisions that are constructed around projects cannot have ramifications down the road. It would be a bad situation if there were to be a high water table later on that could cause someone not to be able to grow their lawn, etc., because of the alkali in the soil. The Bureau is sending the letter to the District outlining their interest in the remediation of a situation such as this and request that the developer work through the District. This would ensure the Bureau that whatever the developer does put in will be able to be O&M'ed into the future. The Bureau would like to have their geotechnical engineers and geologists review the fix to ensure that it will be approved. The Bureau is working under Article 3 of the contract with the District. It is mainly along the lines to ensure that whatever engineering is done by the developers to fix these problems as they put in homes that the Bureau is assured that into the future they will be able to operate without any friction from home owners. The letter specifically asks that the developers working at Ricci Lane work through TCID to the Bureau and educating them on the phases that must be gone through. Some of those phases are NEPA compliance, and cultural resources compliance. Locke will talk to Betsy Rieke about the issue and officially send the letter to the District.

Locke is expecting to receive word on the award of the bid for the Lahontan Barriers in addition to purchasing the crane bases and cranes for fixing the operators at Derby Dam. As soon as this contract is awarded the contractor will be out to repair the operators.

Locke informed the Board that the Bureau will have the Sherriff's Department monitoring cameras of Prosser, Boca and Stampede. The Bureau will continue to do the O&M on the cameras but the Sherriff's Department will be receiving the DVR signal and keep track of the DVR files. The Bureau is able to do this because the Department of Homeland Security is giving Nevada County and Sierra County money to support the Bureau to better respond to any situation. The Department of Homeland Security is also looking into doing the same in the State of Nevada.

Committee Reports

- **Carson Lake Advisory Committee:** Pete Neugebauer of the Bureau toured the CLP and all was well.
- **Employee Relations Committee:** There will be an action item on the June 7, 2007 Board Meeting Agenda on the ERC Proposal.
- **Lahontan Valley Environmental Alliance:** The office secretary has resigned and there is a job opening for this position that has been posted.
- **Project Manager's Report:** Dave informed the Board of the new ditch rider phone number for the Fernley water users 1-877-627-2475.

Recess

A **motion** was made by **Director Ray Peterson** to go into recess for a legal session at 2:23 p.m. seconded by **Director Jerry Blodgett** and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Ernest C. Schank, President

Ray Peterson, Secretary

Date