

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
O & M COMMITTEE**

2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada
June 20, 2007
9:00 a.m.

Ray Peterson
Richard Harriman
Walter Winder

Jerry Blodgett
Kate Rutan

Dave Overvold was not present.

1. **Review Accident Incident Reports and Damage Claims**

There was one Damage Claim filed by Wes Washburn. The incident was reported by Brian Baley on 5/16/07. A water user was to turn over the water to the next user but did not turn down the head. The A13 Lateral broke when a combination of a large head of water and weeds plugged up Washburn's gate. This caused flooding in a newly disked field. The Damage claim was for \$255.00 to rework the field. Richard Harriman **motions** to authorize Dave Overvold to pay the Damage claim of \$255.00, Jerry seconds the motion and the committee approved.

An incident of a lost phone was reported by Aaron Friberg on 6/11/07 in the L11.

An incident reported by Dave Overvold that happened 6/17/07 when the T13 at the T15 takeout was not closed properly and a 1 foot gap was left at the bottom of the takeout. This caused the water to go from a field down Carr Lane, to Bench Road, and all the way to Highway 50. The gate was fixed and the Water Master was called to assess the Damage. Walter said that Mr. Mike Dunn contacted him later in the week to claim that his motor home was damaged when he drove it across the "crater" that the flood made in his driveway.

Walter took pictures of the "craters" in his driveway. As of the date of these minutes no Damage Claim has been filed.

An incident was reported by Colton Ross on 6/4/07 on the N Line. Flooding occurred when a water user did not open a gate he was supposed to. The N Line broke and flooded a church parking lot. No Damage Claim has been filed.

There was an incident report from Matt Maguire on 6/4/07 regarding the S6-6 lateral when a ditch washed out and into the drain. No damage was reported.

The last incident report was from Charlie Crew when a wood pole used for crossing the ditch fell into the A19 and lodged in front of a gate. Weeds gathered up and shut off the water flow through the gate. The water went over the ditch and flooded a drive way. No Damage Claims were filed.

No Board action required.

2. **Review Weed Program with Deb Sherman – Nancy Upham**

Nancy Upham was not present at the O&M Committee meeting. At the last Board of Directors meeting Ms. Upham requested that TCID send representatives to the Weed Abatement meetings. She also requested to meet with Deb Sherman to discuss our weed program. The Board felt that the O&M Committee meeting would be a good time to do that. Since Ms. Upham was not present Deb was asked to look into the grants that may be available and to find out when the next meeting of the Weed Abatement Committee will be in July. Deb said that the District does not usually spray drains but does work in cooperation with the Mosquito and Weed Abatement District so that efforts are not duplicated.

No Board action is required.

3. **Review Ponds on Drains and Pump at Pond on Testolin Road**

The Board of Directors at the last regular meeting has asked the O&M Committee to check into this pond. The pond was researched before the meeting and it was found that the property owner has water rights with a pump permit. So it is a non-issue.

No Board action is required at this time.

4. **Review Plans to Acquire T13 Easement from Don Travis**

Some time back the T13 was moved from the west side of Moody Lane to the east side. However, no easements were acquired or abandoned when the lateral was moved. An easement of 60 feet should be acquired from the property owner, Mr. Don Travis. With the installation of the County sewer line down Moody Lane the T13's easement needs to be clearly identified in its present location.

Richard Harriman made a **motion** to recommend to the Board to acquire an easement from Don Travis for the T13 Lateral that is now located on his property and abandon the easement of the T13 Lateral that is on the west side of Moody Lane till it crosses Wade Lane. Jerry Blodgett seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

5. **Review Plan to Pipe and Reduce Easement TC10 – Arabian Run Subdivision**

Ms. Jennifer Lumos was present to answer any questions that the Committee may have regarding the plans to pipe and reduce the easement of the TC10. The committee looked over the plans with Walter. The only concern the committee had was the angles that the pipe makes at the upstream and the downstream edge of the property. In order to make the most use of the property the TC10 is being relocated to run along the south side property line rather than follow the line that the TC10 presently takes. That makes the angles at the west end two 90 degree angles and at the east end there is one angle that would be less than 90 degrees. The committee asked that the acute angle be at the least a 90 degree.

The committee agreed to recommend to the Board to approve the piping and reduction of easement pending the approval of the BOR and a public hearing as long as the

recommended changes were made to the plans.

No Board action required.

6. **Review Plans to Pipe and Reduce Easement LD Deep Drain – Stonebridge Sub.**

Ms. Lumos also represented the developers of the Stonebridge Subdivision to answer questions from the committee. The committee looked at the plans presented and approved with the condition that the LD Deep Drain must be piped all at once rather than in the proposed phases. The committee did not want to see open sections of drain that collect trash and debris while waiting for another phase that may never happen.

The committee will recommend that the Board approve the piping and reduction of easement with the above mentioned condition pending approval of the BOR and a public hearing.

No Board action required.

7. **Review Proposal to Swap Easements on the Truckee Canal – Basecamp, LLC.**

Mr. Art O'Connor, a land surveyor, was present to represent Basecamp and answer any questions the committee may have. Mr. O'Conner presented the major issue that he found in his survey of the area in that the house sits inside the right-of-way for the Truckee Canal. The proposal originally is to swap easements. Basecamp will give us easements for the power line that crosses the property and for an irrigation pipeline. There are no easements other than the Truckee Canal easement that we have an interest in. He presented an agreement that he would like to have our approval for. The document is an agreement between TCID and Basecamp and would allow the encroachment of 20' into the 100' easement for the house until the house burns down, is extensively remodeled, or added onto. The committee asked if Mr. O'Conner had talked to the BOR. He had not, so the committee provided him with the information he needed to get BOR approval.

The committee recommends that the Board approve the encroachment pending BOR approval.

8. **Review Bridge at 3499 Schindler Road – Barbara Blakely**

Ms. Barbara Blakely and Martin Keeney were present to discuss the issue with the committee. Walter had pictures of the bridge structure that is showing signs of failure. It is the only access that Ms. Blakely has to gain access to her home. Recently weeds filled the area under the bridge and caused the water to go around and further erode the area around her bridge. There are fences on both sides of the lateral to allow grazing of the ditch bank to keep the weeds down. However, there is no grazing being done in the area where the bridge is; therefore weeds grow abundantly in the ditch. When the weeds were cleaned out from the ditch and under the bridge they were piled on the bank. Mr. Keeney felt that we should clean that up. The committee felt a little helpless in this instance and in many other instances that may arise. Private crossings that are causing or could cause an obstruction in laterals are not the responsibility of the District

to replace or maintain. However, the owners of these crossings are senior citizens and/or individuals that do not have the resources to replace these ailing structures. TCID may have the right to remove obstructions in laterals but then we leave a person without an access to their home.

The committee recommends that the Table for Drain Crossings also be applied to Canal and Lateral Crossings for the division of labor and costs.

Related Matters

9. **For Information Only- No Action Required**

Kate showed the committee what Dave would like to add to the Water Order Form. This aid the communications between the ditchriders during a shift change. I also asked the committee if it was necessary to have a public hearing for the sewer line project by the County on Moody Lane. The committee did not believe that it was necessary to have a public hearing.

In the Field

In the field the committee looked at the bridge that was discussed in item #8. There is a hole in the dirt in front of the bridge caused by water erosion. The bridge structure is strong but what little there is to hold it up is questionable. There are various private crossings that require attention. This is a problem that will only get worse with time.

After lunch the committee went to the A9-3 and the E1 where Walter plans to put in another canal to join the two. This would allow a more efficient use of water for the water users on the low end of the E1. This would require Board and BOR approval as well as a public hearing.

The last stop was to look at the progress of the O&M Crew at Rogers Road. It was slow going because of a few unplanned incidents but they expect to be at the end of the road by July 6th.

The committee meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Ray Peterson, Chairman

Date