

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2025**

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, November 4, 2025** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen David Stix Jr. Robert Oakden Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes Abrahm Schank	President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Director Director
Absent:	Wade Workman	Director
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft Helen-Marie Morrow Cody Biggs Mark Solinski Rachel Enox Kelly Herwick Ariel Tomb	General Manager Finance Manager Construction & Maintenance Manager Hydroelectric Facilities Manager Water Accounting Manager District Water Master Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Jason Villareal	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Wyatt Golding	Ziontz Chestnut
Tribal Administrator	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe

In-Person Guests	Representing
Kyle Larsen	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Anthony Berreman	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe

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 9:00 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Olsen.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

A **motion** was made by Director Schank to adopt the agenda, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. **General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

There was no miscellaneous correspondence for the month of October.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that he attended the Family Farm Alliance conference with Vice-President Stix, as well as the United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (USCID) with Biggs for the first time. He was impressed with the USCID conference and will plan on attending yearly. Ed James (CWSD) and Dan Keppen (FFA) are retiring this year. A new WOTUS ruling is expected to be released soon. He participated in a lecture series put on by the Churchill County Museum. The District website has been updated with more information regarding the Truckee Canal. There is a letter circulating Congress hoping to release the USDA grant funds. The PL566 program received funding for a few more years; the District is in line to receive funds from that program. Shawcroft offered a big thank you to Morrow and her staff for getting their reports filed, it was a big task.

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

Biggs reported his crew is working on structure replacements and finishing the Sheckler Drain. They will be preparing to repair the Truckee Canal following Thanksgiving break. The new drot is supposed to arrive this month.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick reported on current conditions; see the attached report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Solinski reported the following KWH:

- Old Lahontan – shut down
- New Lahontan – 1,370
- 26' Drop – 340

He also reported working on winter maintenance and that the three upper Tower gates have been recoated.

• **Rachel Enox, Water Accounting Manager**

Enox reported she has been doing a lot of analysis to try and get caught up before the end of season, as well as preparing for winter maintenance and the Fernley Check project.

- **Helen-Marie Morrow, Finance Manager**
Morrow reported that grant reports and payroll taxes have been filed, she is working on auditor requests and hand bills as well as general accounts payable.

7. **Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) Representative(s) – General Updates**

Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, reported that the end of season reservoir target is 89,000 acre feet. They are hoping to do some maintenance on Derby Dam during the shutdown.

8. **Community Updates:**

- **City of Fernley**
No representative was present to report.
- **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST)**
Anthony Berreman, Land & Water Resource Director, reported he is beginning to work on off-season plans. Wyatt Golding, Ziontz Chestnut, had no report.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**
No representative was present to report.
- **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF)**
No representative was present to report.
- **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW)**
Kyle Larsen, Carson Lake supervisor, reported he is finishing irrigating and fixing access roads. Waterfowl season is going well.
- **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) - Wetlands**
No representative was present to report. Herwick reported that they are on their final run out order.

9. **Closed Session: Attorney – Client Meeting Held Pursuant to NRS 241.015(4)9c)**

The Board will meet in a closed session to confer with legal counsel. No action will be taken during this closed session.

The Board entered into closed session following the meeting adjournment.

10. **Approval of Contract with Hydro Gate**

Approval of a purchase contract with Hydro Gate in the amount \$750,001.00, to supply slide gates for the Lahontan Dam Tower Project.

Shawcroft informed the Board this item will need to be postponed; when the proposed contract was sent to Hydro Gate they replied that they weren't aware this was a Buy America project and are attempting to increase the price significantly. He is currently pursuing a waiver for this project.

11. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of October as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes of October 7, 2025.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

12. Committee Reports

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**
Chairman Stix reported that the Committee approved an application for a box culvert on Norcutt Lane, a NASF fencing project and a damage claim for wet hay.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**
Chairman deBraga commented that cattle came out on the 8th.
- **Employee Relations Committee**
There was no meeting for the month of October 2025.
- **Policy Committee**
There was no meeting for the month of October 2025.
- **Finance Committee**
Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on November 3, 2025.

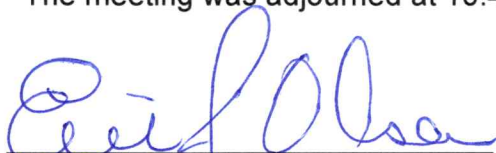
A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 45405 through 45503 as well as automatic, online and phone payments, seconded by Vice-President Stix, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

13. Additional Public Comment


Secretary Oakden commented that Mario Peraldo passed away; his services will be held November 7th.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m. subject to the call of the Board President.


Eric Olsen. – Board President

12-1-25
Date


Robert Oakden - Secretary

12/2/25
Date



Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Newlands Project

11/04/25

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Benjamin Shawcroft., District Manager &
General Counsel

Monthly Board Meeting

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

- **Truckee Div.**
 - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 519 cfs
 - Truckee Canal: 269cfs
 - <5cfs in Gilpen Spill
 - 231 cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
 - Water Master "Derby flow Target": 70 cfs
 - Below Derby Gauge: 194cfs
 - 239cfs at TC canal at Hazen
 - The Derby flow target has dropped to 70cfs: currently increasing TC canal upto 50cfs
- **Carson Div.**
 - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: **89** cfs
 - Lahontan Storage: **61,537**a.f.
 - Release below Lahontan: **347** cfs / approx. 687 a.f. at 24hrs
 - Total net loss: 37 a.f. in 24hrs

FPST STATUS:

- S7-t25: zeroed for both Tribal Wetlands accounts:
- R-line: Current off – no orders

USFW STATUS:

- S-t75: Ordered 15cfs/ cur: 22cfs/ Currently on End of Season "Run-out" order
- Bypass: Ordered 25cfs/ cur: 27cfs/ ends today 11/04 TUE
- S17-t36: Complete

NDOW STATUS:

- A-term: Complete
- A-t37 spill: Ordered 15cfs/ cur: 12cfs/ Currently on End of Season "Run-out" order
- G-c17 spill: Complete

Canvasback STATUS:

- S-t78: Ordered 15cfs/ cur: 12cfs
- S17-t33: Ordered 15cfs/ cur: 13cfs

DISTRIC STATUS:

- Truckee Canal Outlook:
 - TC Canal flow @ Wadsworth for October Avg: 344cfs/ cur: 231cfs
 - Truckee Rv below Derby target Nov. 2025 avg: currently 70cfs
 - November @ Farad forecasted avg: 470cfs
 - Approx upto 400cfs available to canal at current "Below Derby Target"
- Anticipated TC Canal shutdown near the end of November for maintenance
 - Dates 11/23 Sun to begin ramp down, estimated date of canal on at highest capacity 12/12/25
- Truckee & Carson Division End of Season: November 15th or sooner.
 - Last day of Orders: 11/07 Friday.