Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**
Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
**October 6, 2026**

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, October 6, 2026** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

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

| Teleconference/Zoom Guests | Representing |
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| Leanna Lehman | The Fallon Post |
| Michael Miller | Self |
| Jason Villareal | Bureau of Reclamation |
| Robert Owen | Bureau of Reclamation |
| Robert Martinez | Bureau of Reclamation |
| Bethany Chagnon | United States Fish & Wildlife |

| In-Person Guests | Representing |
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| Jake Ward | Nevada Department of Wildlife |
| Anthony Berreman | Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe |
| Roger Joanette | Self |

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 9:01 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rachel Enox.

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

4. **General Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**
Shawcroft commented on some reports from the Bureau of Reclamation; notable reports include the 2026 Irrigated Acres report and the Irrigated vs Non-Irrigated Lands mapping application.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

- **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**
Shawcroft reported he has been doing a lot of work on the Tower Project. He attended a recoupment meeting last week for the proposed new model. He will be preparing comments and will distribute that letter to the Board. The FERC inspection had no findings. He complimented Enox for auditing the phone lines the District uses and finding unused lines. This has saved the District some money. He spoke at the NWRA Fall Symposium, the Assessor's Association, and the Oasis High School Career Awareness Day. The Matley legal matter is going forward. Director Schank asked about Watervize; Shawcroft answered it would be ready for next season.

- **Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager**
Biggs reported getting started on structure replacements, trucks are hauling supplies to restock the yard. Mowing and getting ready for winter maintenance. Will start cleaning the river in a couple weeks.

- **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**
Herwick reported on current conditions. See the attached report.

- **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**
Solinski reported the following kilowatts:

    - New Lahontan – 1,950 kw
    - Old Lahontan – offline
    - 26' Drop – 400 kw

  Solinski also reported he is working with JF Brennan to prepare for the Tower project. The project will start on November 15th and go until the season starts in March. He is starting some winter maintenance at Old Lahontan while it's offline. Some discussion followed regarding JF Brennan's plan for the Tower project.

- **Rachel Enox, Water Accounting Manager**
Enox reported she is finishing up fall measurements and starting winter maintenance. She has been working on end-of-month reporting and preparing for water cards tomorrow.

- **Helen-Marie Morrow, Finance Manager**
  Morrow reported she has been working on the financial review, the Conservation Fund Report and the contract for the new skid steer. The District hired a new equipment operator this morning to replace Mike Whitaker who retired earlier this year.

7. **Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) Representative(s) – General Updates**
   Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, reported the Tech Committee meeting was last week. Season wrap up is going well, there is a lot of excitement at their office to complete the Tower Project. In answer to previous discussion regarding Truckee Canal diversions; he commented that diversions are determined by OCAP.

8. **Community Updates:**

   - **City of Fernley**
     No representative was present to report.

   - **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST)**
     Anthony Berreman, Land & Water Resources Director, reported the quarterly meeting went well. Willie Steve, Tribal Wetlands Manager, will be retiring at the end of the year. There will be an opening for that position.

   - **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)**
     Jake Ward was present but had no report. He had a question regarding whether ponds are counted against allocations. Berreman asked whether minnows were allowed to be purchased and released.

   - **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) - Wetlands**
     Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Refuge Manager, reported the Youth Hunt was last Saturday. Opening day for hunting season will be the 17th. They are finishing their allocations and the Refuge is looking in good condition.

9. **Review of Water Supply Conditions and Determination of the End Date for the 2026 Irrigation Season**
   *Deliberation and decision by the Board of Directors relating to water supply conditions affecting the end date for the 2026 irrigation season, setting the final day for water orders, and any special circumstances required to be considered with the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe.*

   Herwick recommended November 6th as the last day to order for both divisions, then run the orders out. He anticipates the Dam will be shut off by November 15th at the latest.

**A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to set the last day to order as November 6th for both divisions, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

10. **MacLeod Watts Proposal for FYE 2027 & FYE 2028 OPEB**
*Deliberation and decision regarding a proposal to prepare the June 30, 2026 OPEB valuation. Results of this valuation will be applied to prepare the GASB 75 reports for the District's FYE 2027 and FYE 2028. The cost for the proposed work is $8,025.00.*

Morrow reported that MacLeodd Watts has been handling the post-retirement benefits reports GASB requires. This will cover two years and the expense was budgeted for.

**A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the MacLeod Watts proposal, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

11. **Purchase of a New Mower Attachment for Skid Steer**
*Deliberation and decision regarding the purchase of a new commercial grade mower attachment for skid steer.*

Biggs reported that the current mower attachment lost the gear box and rotating assembly. The quote to repair is $5,200.00; it was purchased for $8,500.00 and a new unit costs $9,500 with new couplers. His viewpoint is that it doesn't make sense to put $5,000 + into the mower when a new one costs $9,000. After talking with the dealer representative, he would like to purchase a Blue Diamond mower rather than a CAT mower. It is built better for how they use it and it's industrial strength. It costs around $12,000.00 plus freight and couplers for a total of $16,868.

**A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the purchase of a new mower attachment, seconded by Director Olsen, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

12. **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of September as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes from September 1, 2026.

**A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

13. **Committee Reports**

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**
There was no meeting for the month of September 2026.

- **Employee Relations Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of September 2026.

- **Policy Committee**
  There was no meeting held for the month of September 2026.

- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**
  There was no meeting held for the month of September 2026. Treasurer deBraga commented that a meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss end of season and cut locks on gates.

- **Finance Committee**
  Treasurer deBraga reported that the Finance Committee met on October 5, 2026.

  **A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 46272 through 46323 as well as automatic, online and phone payments, and the transfer of $118,959.79 to pay bills, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**14. Additional Public Comment**

Roger Joanette addressed the Board with a complaint regarding his water charges. Herwick explained what happened and how the problem was addressed, Mr. Joanette was satisfied with his response. Mr. Joanette wanted the Board to know that the District has been well managed through it's issues and it looks better now than it ever has.

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m. subject to the call of the Board President.

Eric Olsen – Board President

11-3-26
Date

Robert Oakden - Secretary

11/3/26
Date