

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
 July 1, 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, July 1, 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 Abraham Schank Wade Workman	President (<i>arrived 9:01</i>) Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Director Director Director
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft Helen-Marie Morrow Kelly Herwick Cody Biggs Mark Solinski Rachel Enox Ariel Tomb	General Manager Finance Manager District Water Master (<i>arrived 9:07</i>) Construction & Maintenance Manager Hydroelectric Facilities Manager Water Accounting Manager Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Wyatt Golding	Ziontz Chestnut
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Rachel Dahl	Fallon Post

In-Person Guests	Representing
Jason Villareal	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Albert Mulder	Natural Resource Conservation Service
Chris Rogne	EH Hursh Insurance

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**
Vice-President Stix 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 Rachel Enox.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

4. General Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Shawcroft informed the Board that the Financial Review and OM&R Forecast have been accepted by the BOR.

6. General Manager and Staff Reports

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported he is still reaching out to Amodei about the USDA grant funds, Family Farm Alliance lobbyists are also trying to get things moving. He has been meeting with Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) regarding the Fernley Check automation project and has been spending a lot of time working on the budget and tax roll.

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

Biggs reported his crew is working on mowing, spraying, and cleaning the Sheckler Drain. UNR did the seep study on Thursday and he should receive the report next week.

• **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 – 1,620
- New Lahontan – 3,570
- 26' Drop – 950

He has started building trash racks for the Tower Project. He is still waiting on the Lumos flow study to see if 30 inch gates will work on the Tower instead of 36 inch. Once the trash racks are built, he will need to sandblast the stems for upper gates, re-sandblast and paint the gates.

• **Rachel Enox, Water Accounting Manager**

Enox reported she has been working on the June OCAP report, taking delivery measurements and working with FCA on the Fernley Check automation.

• **Helen-Marie Morrow, Finance Manager**

Morrow had no report.

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

Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, reported that approximately 1,500 A.F. of credit water remains from the original 9,000. The Emergency Extraordinary Maintenance request has been sent to the Regional Directors office.

8. Community Updates:

- **City of Fernley**
No representative was present to report.
- **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST)**
No representative was present to report.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**
Albert Mulder, District Conservationist, reported his office has spent almost double what they did last year. They finally have engineers working on designs.
- **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF)**
No representative was present to report.
- **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW)**
No representative was present to report.
- **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) - Wetlands**
No representative was present to report.

9. General Manager/Counsel Annual Evaluation

The General Manager, Ben Shawcroft, provided the Board with an annual report of accomplishments and activities at the June Board meeting. The Board will give its performance evaluation at this meeting and authorize a merit increase commensurate with any merit increases approved for staff and management.

President Olsen and the Board expressed high satisfaction with Shawcroft's performance; Olsen said the only request he had was that the Board receive more emails.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the evaluation with high marks and approve a merit increase, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

10. FY 2025-2026 Budget

Review and approval of the FY 2025-2026 District Budget.

Shawcroft informed the Board of the process so far to present the draft budget; they came up with a cash shortfall of 1.8 million dollars. This was unacceptable, but costs included:

- Power Plant seep - \$338,000 (removed),
- Tower project - 1 Million. (Option to use the grant funding from the State first. The consensus was to use the State funding first.)

- EIS payment on the Truckee Canal - \$303,000
- XM Payment on the Truckee Canal – estimated \$1,000,000
- A-C7 reconstruction - \$36,750
- \$22,000 for software
- S-C5 reconstruction \$100,000 (postpone for grant)
- \$50,000 annual payment for the new drott
- 1% COL and 3% Step for eligible employees

Cuts include:

- Hydro truck
- Weed truck
- Construction office building
- CDL training
- Two bubblers for Truckee Canal
- Cameras at Diversion
- Vibration sensors
- Front gate automation
- HVAC upgrade for office
- Appraisal for all 3 power plants
- Removed funds for John Cokely in the amount of \$5,000. Solinski protested the decision, he does not recommend removing all \$5,000. Cokely does SCADA and lots of repairs at the Power Plants. Solinski recommends \$2,000 at least, \$5,000 was added back into the budget.
- Requests for additional raises for staff

Reductions:

- Fuel
- Office supplies
- Repairs & parts
- Pipe
- Propane
- Legal
- Computer parts

Final after cuts and reductions – \$1.1 million short.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the 2025-2026 Budget with stated amendments, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

11. Approval of Insurance Renewals

Deliberation and decision regarding TCID's renewal of its General Liability, Excess Liability, Director's and Officers, Cyber Security, Property and Equipment and Auto insurance policies.

Chris Rogne, EH Hursh Insurance, presented this years renewal proposal:

- Directors and Officers coverage - \$27,315.00
- Cyber Security coverage - \$2,708.60

- General Liability coverage - \$280,562.00
- Excess Liability coverage - \$275,762.03
- Auto Liability coverage - \$119,512.00
- Property and Equipment coverage - \$58,598.00

Total Insurance Renewal: \$764,457.63

A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the insurance renewal as presented, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

12. Resolution 2025-02

Deliberation and decision relating to the disposal of the old drott.

Shawcroft informed the Board that the method of disposal will be transferring the drott to Empire for resale in exchange for the repair bill being credited.

A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve Resolution 2025-02, seconded by Secretary Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

13. Proposal from Watervize

Review and approval of a proposal from Watervize to provide the District new software that will manage the District's water database and water ordering and scheduling functions. If approved, the software will cost \$21,409 for set up and licensing, and \$11,700 - \$14,980 in ongoing annual fees.

This item was postponed until August 2025.

14. Contract with Laron

Review and approval of a contract with Laron to supply lower gate rods and couplings for the Lahontan Dam Tower Rehabilitation Project with a cost of \$149,960.23.

Shawcroft informed the Board this contract is for the steel for the Tower lower gate rods and couplings.

A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the contract with Laron as presented and staff's findings that this was the best quote, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

15. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of June as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes of June 3, 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.

16. Committee Reports

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**
There was no meeting for the month of June 2025.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**
Treasurer deBraga reported the disputed cattle have been removed.
- **Employee Relations Committee**
There was no meeting for the month of June 2025.
- **Policy Committee**
There was no meeting for the month of June 2025.
- **Finance Committee**
Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on June 30, 2025.

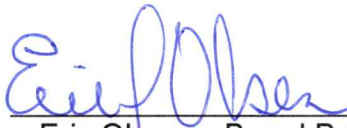
A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 45129 through 45194 as well as automatic, online and phone payments, and the transfer of \$1,069,000.48 to pay bills, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

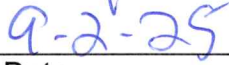
17. Additional Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.


18. Adjournment

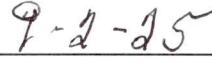
The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m. subject to the call of the Board President.



Eric Olsen. – Board President


Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary


Date



Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Newlands Project

7/01/25

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Benjamin Shawcroft, District Manager &
General Counsel

Monthly Board Meeting

CURRENT CONDITIONS: 7/01 Daily WaterMaster Report (TROA)

- **Truckee Div.**
 - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 823 cfs
 - Truckee Canal: 284cfs
 - <10cfs in Gilpen Spill
 - 278cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
 - Water Master "Derby flow Target": 453.3 cfs
 - Below Derby Gauge: 535cfs
 - 228cfs at TC canal at Hazen
- **Carson Div.**
 - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: **21** cfs
 - Lahontan Storage: **181,164** a.f.
 - Release below Lahontan: **861** cfs / approx. 1,704 a.f. at 24hrs
 - Total Inflows: **249** cfs/ approx. 493 a.f. at 24hrs (net LOSS 1,211 a.f.)

FPST STATUS:

- S7-t25: Ordered 10cfs/ cur: 12cfs

USFW STATUS:

- S-t75: Ordered 30cfs/ cur: 16cfs
- Bypass: Ordered 60cfs/ cur: 18cfs
 - 900cfs in demand for orders in the Newlands project; accessing for increase.

DISTRIC STATUS:

- Completing Month-end Reporting and Adjustments prior to Water Cards being printed for June.
- 7/01 TUE: begin ramping down 50cfs on the Truckee Canal of Credit Water
 - Ramping down another 25cfs Wednesday
 - Total cut of Credit water: 75cfs. This will elongate the flow into next week.
 - Current Derby Target is 453cfs
 - Target will be dropping 50cfs a day along with reduce flows in the River; canal will still avg. approx. 200cfs until credit water ends; possibly by July 12,2025
- Encourage users to use the On-line Schedule & check Watermaster messages