

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
August 4, 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, August 4, 2026** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

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

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Leanna Lehman	The Fallon Post
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Christina	Self
Michael Miller	Self
Merrill Collins	JF Brennan
Sam Stemper	JF Brennan

In-Person Guests	Representing
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Ray Lopez	Bureau of Reclamation
Albert Mulder	NRCS
Thad Heater	NRCS

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 Albert Mulder.

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**

There was no miscellaneous correspondence.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

- **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that Ducks Unlimited is advancing legislation to ensure that USF&W O&M payments will be budgeted for. He is very grateful to Ducks Unlimited for taking that on. The Allyn Drain is still an ongoing issue. Martinez, Reclamation, commented that he spoke with Mr. Matley and gave him the information that he had.

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

Biggs reported his crew is working on trouble calls, spraying and mowing weeds. He hired a new mechanic, Robert Mull. Whitmer and Whitaker retired and Hayes left. He will be advertising for those positions as well.

- **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick was not present to report. Shawcroft reported for Herwick that there is 90 a.f. going into Lahontan and 142,000 a.f. in the Lake.

- **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Solinski reported the following kilowatts:

- New Lahontan – 3,500 kw
- Old Lahontan – 1,500
- 26' Drop – 1,000 kw

Solinski reported the moss at 26 is getting bad. He replaced a bearing on an elevator and flushed the cooling lines at New Lahontan.

- **Rachel Enox, Water Accounting Manager**

Enox reported she has been taking summer measurements for losses and working on analysis for orders. The water cards should be mailed out next Tuesday.

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

Morrow reported she is working on end of quarter reports, grant reporting, payroll and AP.

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

Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, reported that Rattlesnake Reservoir had a leak last week in the domestic pipeline to the Tribe. It was fixed on Saturday. He thanked District staff for helping make it a smooth fix. There will be a joint review on invasive species with Solinski from the District, NDOW, State Parks and TSC.

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 that they are ending contracts for this year. He had \$5 million available in the County this year, mostly tractors. Concrete ditches are going up to \$90 per linear foot, that will probably go into effect for 2028.

Thad Heater, NRCS State Office, reported he is running the Watershed Projects. He is looking for ways to advance the District's projects and find additional funding for us.

- **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. **Approval of Lumos Proposal**

Approval of Lumos Proposal for design and construction administration services for the S-C5 check structure replacement project at a cost of approximately \$169,370 plus any related contingencies.

Shawcroft reported this contract is for the design and administration services for the S-C5 check replacement. The costs will be covered by the NRCS grant, however approximately \$4,600 for the bidding process will not be covered.

A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the Lumos Proposal as stated, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

10. **Approval of Contract with JF Brennan**

Approval of JF Brennan contract for completion of the Tower Rehabilitation Project at a cost of \$5,238,000.

Shawcroft reported that originally ½ the cost of this project was covered by grants. However, costs have skyrocketed. Purchasing new gates is just not feasible, the new proposal is to refurbish the existing gates. This proposal was reviewed with TSC yesterday. Sam Stemper and Merrill Collins represented JF Brennan via Zoom. They introduced themselves and explained their plan. They will construct a barge and install a bulkhead to keep the water out. The work will be done this winter. The cost will be \$4.475 million, which will make the District portion \$1.897 million. Shawcroft is going to reach out to the Bureau WaterSmart grant officer to see if there is any additional funding available to help cover the cost of the increase.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the Proposal from JF Brennan at a cost of \$4,475,000 with a District responsibility of \$1,897,000, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

11. Approval of Contract with Far Western

Approval of Far Western Contract for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance work related to various projects at a cost not to exceed \$62,802.

Shawcroft presented; this is a standard contract for NEPA and NHPA for District projects next year. The cost was budgeted for.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the contract with Far Western at a cost not to exceed \$62,802, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

12. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of July as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes from July 7, 2026.

A motion was made by Director Olsen 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 held for the month of July 2026.
- **Employee Relations Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of July 2026.
- **Policy Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of July 2026.

- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of July 2026.

- **Finance Committee**

President Olsen reported (in the absence of Treasurer deBraga) that the Finance Committee met on August 3, 2026.

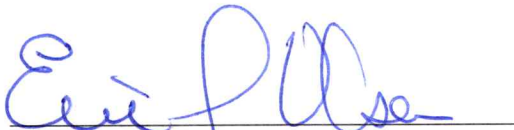
A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve May check numbers 46035 through 46124 and June check numbers 46125 through 46170 as well as automatic, online and phone payments, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

14. **Additional Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

15. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m. subject to the call of the Board President.



Eric Olsen. - Board President

9-1-26

Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary

9/1/26

Date