

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
October 5, 2021 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on October 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Attending the meeting, were Division Three Director and Chairman Fred Schnebly, Division One Director and Vice Chairman Mark Hansen, Division Two Director Sherry Swanson, Division Four Director Larry Bland, Division Five Director Brad Haberman, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Secretary Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, GIS Specialist Roger Satnik, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and Land Owner Kyle Kennedy.

The agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session for reasons consistent with RCW 42.30.110(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i). The motion was made by Director Haberman and the second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously

The minutes for the September 14, 2021 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Land Owner Kyle Kennedy addressed the board. Mr. Eberhart stated the board would discuss the topic of access further during the Old Business portion of the board meeting.

Water Master Report: As of October 5, the five reservoirs are at 32% capacity which is 120% of average. The KRD diversion is at 873 cfs. The inflows are at 761 and the releases are at 2,601 of average. There has been no measurable precipitation at the reservoirs from October 1 to date. The 1146 spillway is operating at 75 cfs. Water is expected to stay on until mid-October.

Maintenance Report: The maintenance crews continue with the fall spraying program. There are 4 dump trucks working with the Yakama Nation at the Taneum Creek on a fish project. There are also crew members working on the Kittitas Shop getting it operational.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: Mr. Eberhart reported that COVID operations have remained the same as the prior month. The office is open by

appointment only. If subjects are vaccinated, they are not required to wear a mask. A Covid Attestation Form has been drafted for the staff to verify vaccination.

Shop Fire Update: There has been a flurry of activity in the last 3 weeks. The insurance team is checking for hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint, a crew is cleaning the walls, an equipment specialist is working on inventory of equipment which is expected to take a while.

Field Supervisor Main has been working on setting up the Kittitas Building to have it operational. In doing so, it became apparent that the septic was not connected to the City of Kittitas Sewer System. Until that is resolved, tank has to be pumped regularly. The landowner has been contacted and the KRD will work with him to remedy the situation. Fees that are accrued by the KRD will be transferred to the insurance claim. Due to the lack of availability of fence contractors, the insurance company agreed to cover the materials of the fence and KRD crews will handle the installation. The telephone system is installed and the Ditchriders are answering calls from the Ditchrider Room as expected.

Mr. Eberhart attended the Tri-State Meeting on September 17.

On September 19, Mr. Eberhart and Paul Ward presented to a University of Washington Class on collaborative governances.

Mr. Eberhart presented to the Washington State Public Utilities District (PUD) Association Water Workshop on September 23.

Mr. Eberhart participated in a Yakima Basin Integrate Plan (YBIP) Presentation given to the American Rivers National Board on September 23.

On September 27, there was a Nature Conservancy (TNC) Snowpack and Alluvial Floodplain Research presentation.

The Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II group met on September 28.

Mr. Eberhart was one of the presenters at the Washington State Legislative Drought Committee Meeting on September 29.

On September 29, Mr. Eberhart, Field Supervisor Main and KRD Consultant Joel Hubble provided a tour of the KRD Easton Facility to the United States Bureau of

Reclamation (USBR) Section 106 ESA Group as well as Yakama Nation Personnel.

The Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Group continues to work on funding opportunities for the next phase of the project. The group met on September 30, to continue work on the draft application which will be sent to the Department of Ecology (DOE). There were some recent discoveries that brought to light water storage opportunities in the basalt, further work will be forthcoming.

The Appropriations and Infrastructure Negotiations are ongoing at the federal level.

A Water Marketing Technical Work Group meeting is scheduled for October 20.

After Washington State Governor Inslee declared a drought last summer, additional funding was made available. Director Haberman made a motion to accept the drought funding through the Kittitas County Conservation District's (KCCD) current agreement subject to legal and management review. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The letter from Dan Keppen of the Family Farm Alliance for the Oversight Hearing was submitted to the Board. The Family Farm Alliance Testimony is scheduled for October 6.

Mr. Eberhart continues to work with the Yakima Basin Joint Board to address the way the USBR is calculating the estimates for the Operations & Maintenance Cost Distribution and the Kachess Dam Safety Project. A letter was submitted to the USBR on September 24.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Jacobs Task Authorizations, which included the North Branch Canal 30.3 to 31.5 Design Work to be increased to \$550,000.00, the Extended Programmatic Support Services to be increased to \$38,900.00 and the General Engineering Support to be increased to \$54,000.00. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Change Order #7 for the South Branch Phase I Canal Lining Reach 4 was completed. The Pre-Construction Meeting was held on September 30, the lining project is projected to begin on November 1.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the South Branch Phase II Robinson MP 10.4 Piping Project to MP 10.8 Agreement WRYbip-2123-KittDR-00024 in the amount of \$980,000.00 which is funded by DOE. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously. The Bid Advertisement is expected to be published on November 1.

Treasurer's Report: The Directors' monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the September 2021 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 45555-45640, direct deposit numbers 9902246 through 9902264 in the sum of \$322,291.83 were approved with a motion made by Director Haberman. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Legal Counsel Slothower advised the board that the 2021 Foreclosure List still has the remaining land owner. Treasurer Berg has signed the Delinquency Letter and the foreclosure process is continuing

In addition to the public comment regarding public safety on the KRD right-of-way, Mr. Eberhart stated the Cruse and Associates were in the area surveying. Lands Clerk Vickers is in the process of reviewing documentation. The goal would be to move the road further away from the canal to improve the safety in the area. Director Haberman made a motion to extend the deadline 30 days from the resolution. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Legal Counsel Slothower advised that the board would discuss the Sunlight Waters Bridge and potential issues during executive session. There was a discussion regarding reviewing the current policy and crossing permit, specifically when it pertains to a bridge. The document needs to include verbiage that shifts all the financial responsibility to the land owner, including costs associated with maintenance of the bridge.

New Business: Lands Clerk Vickers prepared a summary and maps of the Turbine Lateral 2.0-0.4 which is in the area of land owner Carl Jensvold's property. It has been requested that if the KRD owns the lateral, since it hasn't been operational for some time, the property be abandoned and relinquished to the adjacent property owner. The property of the lateral is currently being researched by the USBR to determine the ownership. Further information will be forthcoming.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:03 p.m. for 25 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was a motion

made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously. Session was extended 5 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:33 p.m. with a motion made by Director Bland, and the second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

All business having been concluded the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager