

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
August 3, 2021 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on August 3, 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 Manager and COVID Officer Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, GIS Specialist Roger Satnik, Construction Supervisor Robby Main, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower.

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

The minutes for the July 13, 2021 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: As of August 3, the five reservoirs are at 72% capacity which is 105.8% of average. The KRD diversion is at 1145 cfs. The inflows are at 108% and the releases are at 110% of average. There has been no measurable precipitation at the reservoirs from August 1 to date. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 215.22 inches, or 98% of average. The canal has been running at capacity and rationing the water is at 1" per acre. The River Operations Meeting is tomorrow.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance crews have completed work on the Cooke Creek Bridge and have started rebuilding the bridge on the outlet of the Tilman Siphon. Last week the KRD took delivery of the 20" High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Pipe that was purchased from Trout Unlimited. The piping is expected to be installed later in the year. The main breaker for the two electric pumps at the pumping plant had occasionally tripped while running the big electric. On July 19, Catlin Electric came out to troubleshoot and determined the breaker needed to be replaced. On July 30, the new 600-amp switch was installed and has been working properly since. Spray crews are working through the district for a second time. The mowing machine is working in the badger

pocket area and crews are continuing to weed eat and spray. The Badger Pocket and Taneum ditches were treated for aquatic weeds for the second time this year.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: Mr. Eberhart reported that with the current status of Covid, the office has remained open by appointment only. If subjects are vaccinated, they are not required to wear a mask. Legal Counsel Slothower mentioned this subject is still rather fluid and expected that further updates will be forthcoming.

Mr. Eberhart participated in a presentation on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Briefing to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services on July 28.

The Water Supply/Flow Framing Technical Working Group met on July 29. The group is currently collaborating on how the storage pieces will fit into the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

The 2020 Audit is now complete. The Exit Meeting was on July 30 and will be published through the Washington State Auditor's Office later in the week. The exit report was provided to the board, there were no issues or concerns noted in the audit.

Mr. Eberhart continues to work closely with the Western Water Infrastructure team on Appropriations and the Infrastructure Bill.

There was a Teanaway Community Forest Advisory Committee Meeting that Mr. Eberhart presented at on July 15.

The Columbia Basin Collaborative Group is continuing to vet the applicants for its committee positions. Further details will be forthcoming.

The irrigation districts are continuing to collaborate with each other and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to determine the options for the repayment for the Kachess Dam Safety Project. The irrigation districts will be meeting with Lobbyist Mark Limbaugh and the USBR to get more information.

KRD will be submitting proposals on August 11 and 12, to the Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Assessment Group.

The KRD continues to work on the Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II.

The Water Marketing Study is moving into the community engagement process. Further details will be forthcoming.

Project Updates: The grant assistance agreement for water conservation on the North Branch Lining Above Johnson was received by the KRD. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the agreement in the amount of \$5,947,253.80. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The final pay request has been completed for the South Branch Phase II Robinson Siphon to MP 10.4 Piping Project. Assistance Manager Eslinger advised that he would contact Belsaas Construction to encourage them to file the affidavits so that the KRD can file the Notice of Completion.

Change Order #7 for the construction of Reach 4 of the South Branch Phase I Canal Lining was submitted to the board. The change order is in preparation of the upcoming construction season.

Treasurer's Report: The Directors' monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the July 2021 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 45398-45481, direct deposit numbers 9902200 through 9902218 in the sum of \$494,770.44 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: There are 2 properties which remain on the 2021 foreclosure list. With one of the properties there has been some difficulty obtaining a current address for the property owner. A letter has been sent to a 2nd address that was located. The remaining property owner has been in contact with legal counsel. The KRD received a list of the current foreclosure list from Kittitas County, there does not appear to be any properties listed that have a KRD assessment.

New Business: After a discussion of the dangers in the area of the Cle Elum Siphon Inlet, Director Haberman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 for the Main Branch Cle Elum Use Permit Termination. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. for 10 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:50 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen, and the second was made by Director Swanson. 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