

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2021 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on January 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Attending the meeting via conference call, were Division Three Director and Chairman Fred Schnebly, Division One Director and Vice Chairman Mark Hansen, Division Four Director Larry Bland, Division Five Director Brad Haberman, Division Two Director Sherry Swanson, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Treasurer Stacy Berg, GIS Specialist Roger Satnik, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and Land Owner Garrett Poshusta.

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

Mr. Eberhart presented the Certificate of Election and Oath documents for Division 2 Director, Sherry Swanson, Division 3 Director, Fred Schnebly and Division 5 Director Brad Haberman.

A motion was made by Director Haberman to retain Director Schnebly as the Board Chairman for 2021 and Director Hansen as the Vice Chairman for 2021. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the appointment for Secretary-Manager Urban Eberhart. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to retain the Appointment of Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to appoint Director Swanson, Director Hansen and Director Haberman to the Kittitas County Joint Control Board No.1 between the KRD and Westside Irrigating Company. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the December 8, 2020 Board Meeting and December 16, 2020 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson, the second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Land Owner Garrett Poshusta stated he received the response letter from the KRD. He thanked the board for considering his request and responding back to him.

Water Master Report: As of January 12, the five reservoirs are at 49% capacity which is 108.2% of average. Precipitation at the reservoirs from January 1 to date is 22.02 inches, or 156% of average. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 123.67 inches, or 112% of average. The Snotel Sites for the Upper Yakima are reporting 117% of average and the Lower Yakima Basin Sites are reporting 115% of average.

Maintenance Report: There are two members of the crew focusing on the upper county area and are continuing to clear brush and trees out of the right of way. Two excavators are being used on the North Branch, clearing the canal. There is an employee working in the shop working on vehicle maintenance. The High Angle Rope Crew is going through Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians physical and written skills tests this week. Two of the members are testing for Level 2 certification and the rest of the members are certifying as Level 1.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: The KRD continues to follow the Governor's Order for COVID. Director Hansen made a motion to continue the Emergency COVID status and follow the social distancing requirements and the office will remain closed to the public. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to accept the Fuel Bid with A-1 Petroleum for 2021. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

A former employee of the Council on Environmental Quality contacted the KRD to discuss the Kittitas Reclamation District Streamflow Supplementation Program and other KRD projects on December 30.

On January 6, Mr. Eberhart participated in a presentation about the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan to the Hop Growers.

There will be a Water Wheeling Meeting on January 14 with Jacobs Engineering, KRD, Department of Ecology and the USBR.

The KRD will participate in a meeting with the USBR about the upcoming Kachess Dam Repairs on January 19.

On January 29, the Tri-State Meeting will be conducted virtually.

The Family Farm Alliance 2021 Virtual Meeting will be held on February 18 & 19. Mr. Eberhart encouraged the board members, legal counsel and employees to participate.

Water Supply Framing Process – Yakima Basin Data Discussion is an ongoing process. Mr. Eberhart provided a presentation to them last month.

The Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Highlights 2020 Publication has been posted on the KRD website. There were a limited number of printed versions made, KRD projects were featured in the publication.

Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Assessment We will have another contract with the Department of Ecology for the Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Assessment. Further information will be forthcoming.

Project Updates: Construction Photos of the progression of the South Branch Phase II Robinson Siphon to SB 10.4 Piping Project were presented and discussed. The weather has allowed the construction to continue however road stability is becoming an issue.

Treasurer's Report: The Directors' monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the December 2020 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 44807-44920, direct deposit numbers 9902045 through 9902064 in the sum of \$1,482,785.80 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The remaining account on the 2020 Foreclosure List has been paid in full.

New Business: Director Hansen made a motion to approve the payment for the USBR first installment for Operation and Maintenance CY 2021 in the amount of \$345,000.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the Certificate of Records Destruction. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The Washington State Water Resource Association (WSWRA) 2021 dues are \$22,000.00 and the legislative contribution is \$5,652.41. Director Bland made a motion to pay \$27,652.41 to WSWRA. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to pay the Family Farm Alliance 2021 Contribution, in the amount of \$4,163.46. 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 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i)(iii) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:55 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen, and the second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Swanson noted that the Kittitas County Conservation District Board of Directors Petitions are due today. The ballot requests are due January 19. The conservation district is attempting to bring public awareness to their elections since the process has changed this year.

All business having been concluded the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager