

**Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
November 7, 2023 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on November 7, 2023 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 Bart Bland, Division Five Director Brad Haberman, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowners Mark Charlton, David Sadowski and Paul Hutchinson.

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

The minutes for the October 3, 2023, Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the October 23, 2023, Roza/KRD Joint Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: KRD Landowner Paul Hutchinson asked the Board how the investigation for his complaint was conducted and reiterated that he felt that the water delivered was short of his order. After a brief discussion the Board reminded Mr. Hutchinson that the KRD will monitor this particular turnout in the upcoming years and responsibility of the KRD ends at the point of delivery so it will be up to the landowners who share the turnout to work together to ensure that each person gets the allotted amount requested.

KRD Landowner David Sadowski addressed the Board regarding a letter he had received from KRD Legal Counsel Slothower. After a brief discussion, Mr. Sadowski stated that any further communication he had would be with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR).

Mark Charlton reported that a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) application was approved. The funding will be for sprinkler and fish passage/screening projects, and it should begin in the Fall of 2025. Further information will be forthcoming from the Kittitas County Conservation District as the details of the funding are made available.

Director Haberman reported that there were several people who contacted him in appreciation for the effort KRD made to ensure that there was as much water available as possible especially in a drought year.

Water Master Report: As of November 5, 2023, the five reservoirs are at 9% capacity. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for November 1 to date is 14.96 inches, or 275% of average and 37% of the months average. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 18.98 inches or 83% of average. Tributary Supplementation is continuing for Little, and Tucker Creeks.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that maintenance crews are winterizing the system, draining siphons and repairing blades. There are backhoes working on Rides 1 and 5. Both excavators are working on the Westside Irrigating Company ditches. Fencing Materials have been ordered for the Kittitas Shop. The Rope Facility has been disassembled and will be reassembled at the Kittitas Shop.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Mr. Eberhart reported that the House and Senate Ag/Natural Resource Committees Tour had good representation and went well.

On October 9, 2023, Mr. Eberhart attended the Ruckelshaus Circle Luncheon, in Seattle, WA.

Mr. Eberhart presented at the United States Committee on Irrigation Drainage (USCID) in Fort Collins, CO on October 17-20, 2023.

There was a KRD/Roza Irrigation District Joint Board Meeting on October 23, 2023 in which all the KRD Directors attended.

On October 24, 2023 there was a Springwood Ranch Tour with the Budget Proviso future owners.

The KRD, Roza Irrigation District, Department of Ecology and Yakama Nation had representatives at the Yakima Basin Drought Discussion on October 25, 2023.

Mr. Eberhart participated in the Kachess Restoration Filming and Field Trip on October 31, 2023.

On November 1, 2023, Mr. Eberhart presented at the OR/WA Water Year Meeting, Office of the Washington State Climatologist.

On November 14, 2023, Mr. Eberhart presented to a University of Washington Graduate Class on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

The Ag Summit Meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2023.

The Columbia Basin Collaborative Integration Recommendations Group Meeting in Spokane, WA has been cancelled primarily due to the stay for the Columbia River.

Washington State Water Resource Association (WSWRA) Annual Conference is scheduled for November 29, 2023, to December 1, 2023, in Spokane, WA.

After a brief discussion, the Board decided to tentatively schedule the next KRD/Roza Irrigation District Joint Board Meeting in January.

The KRD has been accepted as a recipient from the pass through agency of the Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD) for a Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC)/Ecology Drought Grant. The grant will fund the completion of the pipeline on Turbine 1.1 and 10 telemetry units.

Director Hansen made a motion to accept the Haley & Aldrich Phase I Scope & Cost of \$10,000.00. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously. The scope of work consists of evaluating historical data and assessing risks for the site. The results of Phase I should be received by January of 2024.

Project Updates: A project schedule for the South Branch Canal Improvements SB 10.85 to SB 11.7 was included in the board packet. The Bid Opening was extended to November 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

The start-up date for the North Branch NBC 30.3-31.5 is scheduled to continue, it will include work on the outlet of the North Branch as it goes down under I-90.

The Invitation to Bid for the North Branch Canal Lining Project, Stevens Rd to Vantage Hwy was on October 28, 2023. The Bid Opening is scheduled for November 27, 2023.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the October 2023 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 47751 - 47848 direct deposit numbers 9902832 through 9902849 in the sum of \$618,090.48 were approved with a motion made by Director Haberman. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement 2024-KRD Task Order 07_Manastash. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to pay the 2023 USBR 2nd CDR Installment in the amount of \$53,209.52. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW) Renewal Insurance Packet was presented to the Board. Director Haberman made a motion to pay the 2023-2024 Insurance premium of \$201,120.37 with an additional \$5,000.00 for the agent fee. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The Petition of Nomination for Irrigation District Directors have been received for the open positions of Director Divisions 3 and 5. No election was necessary.

There will be a publication in the November 9, 2023 Upper Kittitas County Tribune to publicize a date for the Notice of Board of Equalization to be held at the next board meeting on December 5, 2023. Director Hansen made a motion to set the Board of Equalization date. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05 for 2024 Proposed Board Meeting Dates. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:56 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Swanson. The

motion passed unanimously. The executive session was extended 40 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:51 pm. Director Haberman 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