

**Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
November 8, 2022 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on November 8, 2022 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 Five Director Brad Haberman, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowners Pat Badders and Dave McDaniel.

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 and a second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the October 14, 2022, Board Meeting were approved as amended with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: As of November 8, 2022 the five reservoirs are at 38% capacity and the storage at 119.4% of average. Precipitation for the five reservoirs from November 1 to date is 27.64 inches which is 291% of average and 68% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year to date is 35.24 inches which is 130% of average. There is 403,540 acre feet in total reservoir content, which is 119% of average. Tributary Supplementation will continue in Tucker Creek, Big Creek, Little Creek, Taneum Creek and Manastash Creek.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that one excavator is cleaning ditch on the North Branch and the other is cleaning ditch on the Westside Irrigating Company Canal. There are backhoes on Rides 2 & 5 and 2 dump trucks hauling spoils. Maintenance crews are installing 5 new gauge stations.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that there was a little more work being done to finish up the Ellensburg Shop project. A walkthrough will be scheduled in the near future for Field Supervisor Main to walk through with the contractor before it is complete.

On October 27, 2022 an Ecology Solutions Showcase was held virtually to assist the Whatcom County Water Resource Inventory Area 1. The showcase was to discuss the

Yakima Basin Integrated Plan and the process of going through an adjudication with the Department of Ecology.

Mr. Eberhart met with Senator Murray on October 27, 2022.

On November 1, 2022, there was a USBR Funding Workshop & Site Tours. A group of individuals from the Denver USBR Office and Boise USBR Office toured the Wapato Diversion, Springwood Dam Site and the Taneum Heart K project where the Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Pilot Test work is being done.

The American Water Resources Association (AWRA) Annual Conference was held on November 7, 2022. Mr. Eberhart gave a presentation on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP).

Director Hansen, Director Haberman and Mr. Eberhart will attend the Washington State Water Resources Association (WSWRA) Annual Meeting in Spokane, WA on November 30-December 2, 2022. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the travel. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Work is continuing on the Water Supply Technical Work Group.

The KRD and other Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Partners continue to work on the Easton Bull Trout Research Facility permitting process.

The FY23 Appropriations Requests are in place and we are waiting for the federal budget to be approved.

Project Updates: South Branch Phase I Canal Lining Reach 4 and Reach 5, Notice of Completion is complete.

An Invitation to Bid on the North Branch Project No. 33-NBC-1005 was advertised on October 24, 2022. Field Supervisor Main met with 5 different contractors for the Pre-Bid Tour on November 2, 2022. The Bid Opening is scheduled for November 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the October 2022 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 46709 - 46790, direct deposit numbers 9902552 through 9902572 in the sum of \$427,781.54 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: A draft of the letter from the USBR referencing the Kachess Safety of Dams was provided. Director Haberman made a motion to allow Mr. Eberhart to sign the

letter once the final copy was received on behalf of the KRD. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Director Hansen made a motion to pay the 2022 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) Insurance Renewal and Agent Fee was provided. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the payment in the amount of \$160,846.23 for the insurance premium and an agent fee of \$5,000.00. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The deadline for the Petition of Nomination for Irrigation Directors was November 7, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. There were two petitions received with no contestants.

There will be a publication in the November 10, 2022 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 6, 2022. Director Haberman made a motion to set the Board of Equalization date. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:27 p.m. for 10 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:37 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen, 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