

**Office of the Secretary Manager**  
**Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 7, 2021 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on December 7, 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 Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, GIS Specialist Roger Satnik, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and Land Owner Mark Charlton.

Director Haberman made a motion to open the Board of Equalization for the duration of the board meeting. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously. The audience was polled to determine if there was anyone who was requesting equalization, which there was not.

The agenda was approved with the addition of two executive sessions for reasons consistent with RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i). The first executive session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and after the second executive session regarding real estate and litigation the board may take action. The motion was made by Director Bland and the second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the November 2, 2021 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Water Master Report: As of December 7, the five reservoirs are at 56% capacity which is 134.0% of average. The inflows to the five reservoirs are 147% and the releases are 76% of average. Inflows to the five reservoirs for the water year to date is 410KAF, or 161% of average and releases from the five are 173KAF, or 129% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for December 1 to date is 4.5 inches, or 62% of average. Deliveries were stopped on October 15<sup>th</sup>, and the creek supplementation continues with approximately 40 cfs for Big, Little and Tucker Creeks.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance Crews have completed the installation of the pipe that was purchased from Trout Unlimited. Both backhoes have been cleaning laterals. One excavator just finished the Taneum Canal and will be moving to the Westside Canal. The second excavator was working on the Pump and Turbin laterals. The sewer line connection is complete at the Kittitas Shop. The Rope Crew did some work on the Morrison and Horseshoe Siphons, inspected Tillman and Spexarth and removed approximately 1 ½ yards of gravel from the bottom of the Yakima Siphon. Patching was done on the inlet end of the Yakima Siphon.

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.

The Shop Fire Update will be discussed during Executive Session.

Mr. Eberhart met with an OMB Program Manager on November 2 to discuss the KR D and Yakima Basin Requests.

Legal Counsel Slothower attended and Mr. Eberhart presented at the Water Resource Mitigation Task Force meeting on November 2.

The Ruckelshaus Fall Advisory Board Meeting was held on November 16.

Mr. Eberhart met with Department of Interior and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) personnel on November 16.

The Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project (YRBWEP) Workgroup had a Strategic Planning Workshop on November 16 & 17 to discuss the project list if the infrastructure money is made available.

Mr. Eberhart gave a presentation at the 2021 Ag Summit on November 22.

The Columbia Basin Collaborative Integration / Recommendations Group had a Kick-Off Meeting on November 30.

Director Hansen, Director Haberman and Mr. Eberhart attended the Washington State Water Resource Association (WSWRA) Annual Conference in Spokane, WA on December 1-3.

Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II process is continuing. Now that the infrastructure package is in place, the group will be pursuing additional funding through that process.

Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge is moving forward and we are pursuing more funding opportunities at the state and federal level.

The KRD submitted a project list to the USBR through the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

Family Farm Alliance is working with the USBR on the Directives and Standards (D&S) Process to create procedures to include irrigation districts in the notification process.

The Yakima Basin Joint Board sent a letter to the USBR regarding the Kachess Dam Safety Project & the USBR's O&M Cost Distribution.

The Resolution 2021-09 and the Project Description for the WaterSmart – Environmental Water Resources Project for Fiscal Year 2022 was presented to the board. Director Hansen made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve the Office Closure for the Christmas Holiday from December 22-29. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

A team of KRD employees have been assisting the Yakama Nation in the transport and delivery of Coho Salmon into Little and Tucker Creeks. Approximately 200 fish have been moved to date.

Project Updates: The weekly on-site Construction Meetings for the South Branch Phase I Canal Lining Reach 4 & 5 began on December 1. Phase 1 has the rough channel excavation done and will start the underdrain next week. The geomembrane is expected to be applied in January.

The Bid Opening for the South Branch Phase II MP 10.4 Piping Project to MP 10.8 was done on December 3. The apparent low bidder was N.A. Degerstrom Inc whose bid came in above the engineer's estimate due to increased material costs. The remaining funds will come from a combination of Department of Ecology and the USBR. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the bid by N.A.

Degerstrom Inc. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:33 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session was extended an additional 10 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:58 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen, and the second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Directors' monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the November 2021 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 45737-45833, direct deposit numbers 9902292 through 9902313 in the sum of \$552,213.65 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Legal Counsel Slothower commenced the action to foreclose on the remaining property on the 2021 Foreclosure List. No other contact has been made.

New Business: Director Bland made a motion to approve the 2021 Disposal of Equipment. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding a customer request for a new turn-out off of Sunrise Dr. Director Hansen made a motion to deny the request and draft a letter which will be mailed to the landowner. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

A Board Budget Meeting was set for December 15 at 1:00 p.m. and will be held in the Kittitas Shop.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve the 2022 Meeting Dates Resolution 2021-10. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:24 p.m. for 30 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. Executive Session was extended an additional 5 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:59 p.m. with a motion made by Director

Hansen, and the second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to allow Mr. Eberhart and Legal Counsel to approve the insurance documentation which will allow the insurance company to repair the shop roof in the amount of \$179,827.85. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Swanson made a motion to buy back the 2 Dodge pick-ups and Timberwolf 4-wheeler that were damaged in the shop fire. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

There were no requests to the Board of Equalization so Director Hansen made a motion to close the session. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

All business having been concluded the meeting was adjourned.

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Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

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Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager