

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
February 9, 2021 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on February 9, 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, Construction Supervisor Robby Main, Water Quality and Grant Manager Kathleen Satnik, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and Land Owner Mark Charlton.

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

The minutes for the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Bland, the second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: As of February 9, the five reservoirs are at 56% capacity which is 111% of average. Precipitation at the reservoirs from February 1 to date is 8.08 inches, or 109% of average. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 150.82 inches, or 105% of average. The Snotel Sites for the Upper Yakima are reporting 101% of average and the Lower Yakima Basin Sites are reporting 102% of average.

Maintenance Report: Two excavators are cleaning the North Branch Canal, one backhoe is working in the Upper County and a crew is cleaning the right of way in the area of Little Creek and Lund Ln. The winter vehicle maintenance is being performed. The rope crew recertified through The Society of Rope Access Technicians (SPRAT) last month allowing two members to be certified at Level 2 and 4 members certified at Level 1.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: The KRD continues to follow the Governor's Order for COVID. Director Haberman 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 Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding the Kachess Dam Safety Repairs. After getting direction from the board, the resolution will be written and presented at the following board meeting.

The Tri State Meeting was held virtually on January 29.

On January 25, Mr. Eberhart attended a Water Infrastructure – 117th Congress Coalition Meeting. Director Hansen and Mr. Eberhart have been working through various avenues to obtain water infrastructure funding.

Mr. Eberhart attended a Water Policies of the 117th Congress Meeting on February 2.

The Kittitas County Joint Control Board No. 1 (KCJB) will meet virtually on February 16. After further discussion from the prior KRD Board Meeting, it was determined that the KRD will have 2 representatives on the KCJB Board rather than the 3 they had previously appointed. It was determined that Director Haberman would step down. Director Hansen made a motion for Director Swanson and himself to represent KRD on the KCJB. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The Family Farm Alliance 2021 Virtual Meeting will be February 18 & 19. Director Hansen encouraged attendance at the meeting stating there would be two US Senators speaking to the group and a lot of valuable information would be presented over the course of the conference.

The KRD Tributary Supplementation Project Annual Meeting will be coming up in the near future to discuss the status of the project and future goals.

The Water Wheeling Analysis Project is still ongoing. There was a meeting last week to discuss capacity issues and the cost of infrastructure.

On February 11, there is a Water Supply Framing Process – Yakima Basin Data Discussion meeting scheduled. The meeting is integral to both the Wymer and Upper Yakima System Storage Projects.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. WRYBIP-1921-KittRD-00017 between the Department of Ecology and KRD for the Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Assessment. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Kittitas County Water Purveyors (KCWP) 2021 Contributions Agreement with Eslinger Farms was presented. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the agreement. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the USBR/KRD Right of Ways in the area of the South Cle Elum Siphon and the Horseshoe Siphon. After lengthy discussion regarding public safety and the liability to KRD, the board directed legal counsel to draft a resolution that would revoke seasonal and year-round access permits in specific areas and present it to the board at a later time.

An article was released regarding the restoration of the Renslow Trestle over I-90 that encouraged the public to use the trestle as a recreational area for pedestrian traffic. The Board discussed the safety concern that comes to light because of the proximity of the canal and the trestle. It was determined that the KRD will add some signage to the area to warn pedestrians of the safety issues.

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. Director Swanson made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for added roadway stabilization. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the South Branch Phase I Reach 4-5 Construction Change Order #6 for N.A. Degerstrom Contract Extension to 2023 for substantial completion. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Directors' monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the January 2021 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 44921-44981, direct deposit numbers 9902069 through 9902085 in the sum of \$626,139.19 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business: Director Swanson made a motion to approve the payment for the 2021 Yakima River Basin Coalition in the amount of \$32,638.10. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the payment for the 2021 Yakima Basin Joint Board in the amount of \$40,000.00. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Secretary Manager Eslinger presented the General Environmental Support Resolution 2021-02 that would allow the ceiling to be raised on the Managed Aquifer Recharge Projects. Director Bland made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to accept the Master Engineering Agreement Resolution 2021-03 which had a correction to the date. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:12 p.m. for 20 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:32 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen, and the second was made by Director Bland. 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