

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
March 12, 2024 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on March 12, 2024 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, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers, and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. Also in attendance were KRD Landowners Mark Charlton, Dave McDaniels, and Steve and Sarah Novotny.

KRD Chairman Schnebly called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session for reasons consistent with RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) 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 February 6, 2024, Board Meeting and February 16, 2024 Special Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Haberman. The second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: KRD Landowners Steve and Sarah Novotny addressed the board regarding a turnout modification request that was submitted to the Board. The existing turnout for the property in question on Clerf Rd is a shared weir. The Novotny's are requesting an individual turnout with a 4 inch line which would not require them to work with their neighbors to receive water. In the request, the landowners offered to be watermaster for lots 1,2 and 3 of Terry Plot if necessary. The Board heard the request and agreed to review the application and respond back to the landowners.

Water Master Report: As of March 12, 2024 the five reservoirs are at 40% capacity. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for March 1 to date is 3.90 inches, or 53% of average and 19% of the months average. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 147.15 inches or 87% of average. In February, we ended the month at 63% of average. The Snotel sites for the Upper Yakima Basin are reporting 83% of average and the Naches Basin sites are at 77% of average. Water delivery

projections with various levels of proration were reviewed and discussed for future planning on a drought water year.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that one excavator is working on the North Branch on Ride 4, one excavator is on Turbin 1.1 Piping Project. The pipe is expected to arrive at Midstate Irrigation today. One backhoe is cleaning laterals on Ride 5, one backhoe is working on structures on Ride 1 in the Taneum Ditch and one backhoe and maintenance crew is picking rocks in the liner at Hayward Hill. There are 3 burn crews in the Badger Pocket. Last week, the KRD worked with Department of Natural Resources and Fire Districts 1 and 7 to burn a slash pile in the Golf Course area. The fire departments utilized the event as a training exercise. There were a couple questions regarding the incident on social media but no phone calls were received in the office. Matt Phillips was hired as the new ditchrider for Ride 2.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Mr. Eberhart gave a presentation on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan to Leadership Kittitas County on February 9, 2024.

The Family Farm Alliance Annual Meeting was held in Reno, NV on the week of February 9, 2024.

On March 8, 2024 the KRD presented the annual Tributary Supplementation Meeting. The meeting was well attended both in person and virtually. Various parties provided reports of the different facets of the program.

KRD and Roza Irrigation District will have a Joint Board Meeting on March 18, 2024 at 9:30 a.m in the Washington State Cattleman's Association Building.

There have been various Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Briefings to federal agencies in preparation for Mr. Eberhart's upcoming Washington DC trip.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the Exhibit C KRD2022-PS-06-02.2 (Task 02 Amend. 2) for professional consulting services with Jacobs Engineering which will increase the threshold to \$100,000.00. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Exhibits A & B – Task 4 Authorization (KRD2022-PS-06.04.0) Manastash Creek Groundwater Storage was provided to the Board. This project is a comprehensive study of the stream supplementation water storage that started in 2015. This would provide information for other areas as well. Central Washington University will be

working in coordination with KRD to complement the study. Director Hansen made a motion to approve Exhibits A & B – Task 4 Authorization (KRD2022-PS-06.04.0) Manastash Creek Groundwater Storage that will not exceed \$203,993.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve Exhibits A& B – Task 6 Authorization (KRD2022-PS06.06.0) Springwood Managed Aquifer Recharge Evaluation which will not exceed \$134,341.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Exhibits A & B – Task 5 Authorization (KRD2022-PS-06.05.0) Whiskey – Currier Highlands Managed Aquifer Recharge was provided to the Board. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Task Order, not to exceed \$142,529.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to accept Exhibits A & B – Task 5 Authorization (KRD2022-PS-01.05) Manastash Ridge Trail scope of work and will not exceed \$50,000.00. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Exhibits A & B – Task 6 Authorization (KRD2022-PS-01.06.0) South Branch 9.9 was presented to the Board. Director Swanson made a motion to approve this task order which covers the design work and is not to exceed \$250,000.00. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: All the construction projects are progressing within the expected construction period. The North Branch will be placing concrete over the next two weeks. There were 23 sections of pipe that came in today for the South Branch. The pipe is scheduled to be installed by the end of the month. Concrete is being placed at the Headworks today. The contractors have been really good to work with, there have been no issues to date. The Contractor Bid Opening for the Manastash Ridge Trail (MRT) Piping Project is scheduled for March 25, 2024. Director Bland made a motion to allow Mr. Eberhart to award the MRT project to the lowest qualified bidder. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the February 2024 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 48112 – 48192 direct deposit numbers 9902916 through 9902931 in the sum of \$3,230,186.29 were approved with a motion made by

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

New Business: The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) provided the KRD's proportionate share of Operation and Maintenance Cost CY 2024 which included a surplus of \$123,642.43 in funds from the CY2023 which will be applied to the 2024 installment.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve the Equipment Disposal list. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-02 which adopts the Electronic Funds Transfer Policy was presented to the Board. Director Hansen made a motion to accept the new policy. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Swanson made a motion to change the date of the May Board Meeting to May 14, 2024. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:53 p.m. for 20 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Bland. The Executive Session was extended for an additional 30 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:43 pm with a motion made by Director Haberman and the second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief update on the Sadowski Bridge, Director Hansen made a motion for Mr. Eberhart to send a letter to Mr. Sadowski on behalf of the Board. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve and move forward with Haley Aldredge Option 2 for the environmental study. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to deny the Novotny Crossing License and retaining the same point of delivery that is currently in place. A 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