

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
April 2, 2024 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on April 2, 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, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and Legal Counsel Jim Perkins. Also in attendance were KRD Landowners Dave McDaniel and Mark Charlton.

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)(i):(iii). The motion was made by Director Hansen. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the March 12, 2024 Board Meeting and March 18, 2024 Joint Roza 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 April 2, 2024 the five reservoirs are at 47% capacity which is 70.5% of average. There has been no measurable precipitation at the five reservoirs from April 1 to date. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 153.3 inches, or 84% of average. The Snotel sites for the Upper Yakima Basin are reporting 73% of average and the Naches Basin sites are at 75% of average.

Mr. Eberhart reported that he'd spoken to Chris Lynch with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) who had just completed the spring forecast. Based on the projection of approximately a 60% proration, Director Swanson made a motion to set the 2024 allotment at 1.4 cfs per acre. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Field Supervisor Main reported that the canal system will begin charging on April 12, 2024 and Ditchriders will begin taking calls on April 15, 2024. Director

Haberman made a motion to start water deliveries on April 15, 2024. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that all the backhoes and excavators are out working, including one backhoe in the Upper County and an excavator in the Badger Pocket. A burn crew is working on Ride 2. There are 6 people working in Easton patching canal. The log booms at Lake Easton have been replaced. Maintenance crews are priming the Taneum Canal and the Westside Irrigating Company Canal is ready today.

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

Tom Brunson and Bob Gregerich are the primary operators of the Packwood Canal. The landowners contacted the KRD on behalf of Packwood Canal to ascertain if the KRD would be willing to check the diversion at Gladmar Rd. Packwood Canal Company would reimburse the KRD for labor and benefits of their staff. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to allow the maintenance to begin in April in the interim until a memorandum of understanding is signed by both parties.

On March 18, 2024 there was a Joint Board Meeting with KRD and Roza Irrigation District.

Legal Counsel Slothower, Mr. Eberhart and Assistant Manager Eslinger attended the Kittitas County Water Conservancy Board Meeting on March 19, 2024.

Mr. Eberhart will virtually attend the Columbia Basin Collaborative Forum Meeting April 3, 2024.

On May 7, 2024, Mr. Eberhart will attend the Ruckelshaus Advisory Board Meeting in Vancouver, WA.

The USBR and National Marine Fisheries are sending representatives for the Regional Directors Meeting and Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Tour on April 9, 2024.

Mr. Eberhart is presenting at the 14th Washington Hydrogeology Symposium on April 24, 2024.

Director Hansen made a motion for Mr. Eberhart to attend the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Washington DC Trip during the week starting April 28, 2024. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart presented a Springwood Presentation to the Yakama Nation Tribal Council members on April 1, 2024.

Project Updates: Director Swanson made a motion to approve Change Order 6 for South Branch Piping 10.85 to 11.7 which allowed an extension to finish the road work. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Change Order 7 was presented to the Board which allowed for wider stop logs to be used. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the Change Order. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Construction on the North Branch Canal Lining 31.5-30.3 is continuing on schedule. The work is almost complete on the North Branch Canal Lining 30.3-27.5. The lining is complete, safety ropes, fencing and final grading are being done. All the pipe should be installed as of today and the welding is expected to take about a week to complete.

The low bidder for the Manastash Ridge Trail Safety Improvements was Belsaas & Smith. The Notice of Intent was done on March 25, 2024 and the Notice to Proceed was issued on March 28, 2024. The project is expected to be complete by next Friday. There has been a heavy social media presence to keep the public updated on the project as well as signage that was installed at the site.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the March 2024 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 48193 – 48276 direct deposit numbers 9902934 through 9902955 in the sum of \$2,088,287.58 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: The 2024 Foreclosure List was presented to the Board. Staff will continue to collect the remaining assessments and interest for 2021 and will report back to the Board at a future time.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:27 p.m. for 45 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Haberman. The Executive Session was extended for an additional 30 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:42 pm with a motion made by Director Haberman and the second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager