

**Office of the Secretary Manager  
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting  
May 4, 2021 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on May 4, 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 Four Director Larry Bland, Division Five Director Brad Haberman, Division Two Director Sherry Swanson, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager and COVID Officer Kevin Eslinger, Treasurer Stacy Berg, GIS Specialist Roger Satnik, Construction Supervisor Robby Main, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower, Attorney Rick Cole, and KRD Land Owners Mark Charlton and Gaylon Rogers.

The amended 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):(i). The motion was made by Director Bland and the second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously

The minutes for the April 6, 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: Attorney Rick Cole addressed the KRD Board on behalf of land owner Gaylon Rogers regarding a lateral on the south side of Game Farm Road. The field below the lateral is currently being irrigated with KRD water which Mr. Roger's is claiming is causing flooding to his property. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the situation and suggestions to address the problem. The board told Mr. Cole that they would look into the situation and get back to them with a response.

Land Owner Charlton stated that he had trouble hearing over the conference line in the last meeting. He requested that the board review the conversation regarding the water turn on date and asked for discussion regarding the delay. Mr. Eberhart explained that the application of the Crack Sealing Product had to be applied or the grant funding would be revoked. The crew worked through Easter Weekend to get the work done as soon as possible. There was a snowfall that occurred which caused a delay, the burn crews melted the snow to expedite the application and get the system operational as soon as possible. It was noted that the process normally takes two weeks to get the KRD system primed and operational, this year it was

done in 5 days. Mr. Charlton requested that in the future, if possible the KRD consider an earlier turn on date.

Water Master Report: As of May 4, the five reservoirs are at 74% capacity which is 98.8% of average. Precipitation at the reservoirs from May 1 to date is .75 inches, or 78% of average. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 200.27 inches, or 102% of average. The Snotel Sites for the Upper Yakima are reporting 124% of average and the Lower Yakima Basin Sites are reporting 98% of average.

Maintenance Report: There is a crew in upper county, with a backhoe and excavator clearing right-of-way and a crew in the badger pocket area. Spraying has been completed on the North Branch through Caribou Road and will continue through the Badger Pocket.

Director Haberman asked if there was enough capacity in the canal to meet the demands. Construction Supervisor Main stated it is running at maximum capacity and has been able to meet the demands.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: The board conversed at length regarding the current standings of the Emergency COVID status. The consensus was the KRD would follow the Local, State and Federal Rules as they continue to change, open up the office when it is appropriate, taking into account staff safety. Director Haberman made a motion to allow Mr. Eberhart the discretion to have the flexibility to make the necessary changes as they arise while following the guidelines that are in place. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) completed the Secure Water Act Report. It is an analysis throughout the 17 western states to forecast the effects of climate change over the coming decades. Mr. Eberhart viewed a series of recorded webinars and said that in general our area is expected to have flashy rain in the winter and less snow.

Mr. Eberhart provided a presentation to the Oregon Water Resource Department on April 13.

On April 28, Mr. Eberhart met with the Office of Senator Cantwell to discuss infrastructure and the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

There was a presentation given to Ag Forestry on April 28 as part of the Ruckelshaus Center class given by Paul Ward, Michael Kern and Mr. Eberhart on Collaborative Governance and the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

Mr. Eberhart met with the Office of Senator Murray on April 29 to discuss infrastructure and the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

There is a Tour of Tucker Creek with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife scheduled for May 19.

The Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Implementation Committee will be providing briefings to multiple agencies in preparation for the DC Leadership Group Meeting in June.

The Kittitas County Joint Control Board No. 1 (KCJB) is operating successfully without any issues. The KCJB will be meeting on a bi-monthly basis moving forward.

Ground water monitors have been installed in the vicinity of Taneum Creek for the Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Assessment. Additional work will be done to determine if ground water storage projects can be implemented in Big Creek, Little Creek and the Naneum Creek areas. The City of Ellensburg is evaluating opportunities for deep ground water storage.

An extension request for the Water Marketing Grant will be submitted by the end of May. The extension will be for requesting additional time to focus on outreach activities that were made difficult to implement during the COVID pandemic shutdowns.

The Kittitas County Water Purveyors (KCWP) 2021 Contribution Agreements for Patrick Hand and Westside Irrigating Company were accepted by the board.

Project Updates: Assistant Secretary Manager Eslinger presented the South Branch Phase II Robinson Siphon to MP 10.4 Piping Project Change Order #3. The funds originally allocated for the hard rock removal were not needed and the change order reallocated the funds to be used for flow meters. Director Hansen made a motion to accept Change Order #3. A 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 April 2021 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 45148-45237, direct deposit numbers 9902129 through 9902149 in the sum of \$876,842.05 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Zirkle Fruit Use License Amendment to extend the elk fence. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Director Swanson made a motion to pay the 1<sup>st</sup> Installment of the 2021 Construction Debt Repayment in the amount of \$53,344.53. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:50 p.m. for 20 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was a motion made by Director Bland and a second made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously. Executive session was extended 15 additional minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:25 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.

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Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

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Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager