

**Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
May 5, 2020 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on May 5, 2020 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 Two Director Ed Wakkuri, 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, Water Master Robby Main, GIS Specialist Roger Satnik and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. Also, in attendance was KRD land owner Mark Charlton.

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

The minutes for the April 7, 2020 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Bland, the second was made by Director Wakkuri. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: The five reservoirs are at 75% capacity. Storage is at 99.9% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for May 1st to date is 1.95 inches, or 152% of average and 20% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year to date is 204.02 inches, or 103% of average.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance crews have completed the spraying in the Badger Pocket and are continuing through the North and South Branches. The crews are also calibrating measuring devices, continuing with road maintenance in the North Branch and Badger Pocket as well as some general maintenance at the Easton Dam.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: Mr. Eberhart reported that an additional addendum to the COVID declaration letter was drafted as a result to the most recent declaration from Governor Insley regarding high risk employees. In general, the report required procedures to be in place if an employee were to become

infected. The addendum was provided to employees and posted in the office and shop. Currently, there are no KRD employees who are known to be infected and the employees are following social distancing guidelines. The Department of Ecology has notified KRD that the Governor's declaration must be followed to continue receive grant funding from the State of Washington. Director Haberman made a motion to extend the declaration to the next board meeting. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

There was an Easton Dam Operations High Level Requirements Meeting on April 11th. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) staff had removed some equipment at the Easton Dam which caused the KRD to have extreme difficulty monitoring water levels at the dam. As a result of the meeting, the USBR has obtained some replacement equipment and are in the process of installing that equipment which will improve the ability to monitor the dam more efficiently.

On April 16th there was a Meeting of the Ecology Advisory Group on Water Trust, Banking, and Transfers.

The Teanaway Advisory Committee (TAC) met via phone on April 16th.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Sponsor Presentations were made on April 22 and included discussions on projects in the Swauk and Tucker Creek.

Mr. Eberhart met with the Department of Ecology liaison to the USBR, Janine Empel on April 27th for an overview and tour of the KRD system.

The William D. Ruckelshaus Center Advisory Spring Board Meeting was held on April 28th. Director Haberman made a motion to pay the 2020 Contribution in the amount of \$500.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart is planning to meet with Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Agriculture Economist Madison Moore on May 12th. The meeting would include an overview and tour of the KRD system.

The Tri-State Meeting is scheduled via teleconference on May 15th.

KRD as well as many other entities throughout the west, contributed to the Family Farm Alliance, Western Water Infrastructure Letter.

The Washington State Water Resource Association (WSWRA) 2020 dues are \$22,000.00 and the legislative contribution is \$5,949.40. Director Hansen made a motion to pay \$27,949.40 to WSWRA. A second was made by Director Wakkuri, the motion passed unanimously.

The Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II, site analysis is continuing. The analysis of the cost associated with wheeling flip flop water is also part of the study.

KRD Consultant's Walter Larrick and Joel Hubble continue to work with state and federal agencies to help keep the Upper Yakima System Storage emphasized through the Water Supply Framing Process.

The Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Assessment is continuing to make progress. The Taneum Creek area has the highest ranking ground water storage project in the Upper Yakima.

Director Wakkuri made a motion to approve the WaterSmart Resolution 2020-06 for the Turbine Lateral Project. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to move the June Board Meeting to June 9th. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: The South Branch Phase I Canal Lining Project Reach 2-3 is complete with the exception of some fencing that is currently being installed. A change order for Reach 4-5 will be forthcoming.

The fencing for the North Branch Phase III B&C should be complete by the end of the week.

Treasurer's Report: The Directors' monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the March 2020 expenses and the April 2020 payroll which included check numbers 44141-44227, direct deposit numbers 9901872 through 9901888 in the sum of \$1,102,612.22 were approved with a motion made by Director Wakkuri. The second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Treasurer Berg presented an updated 2020 Foreclosure List to the Board. There was a brief discussion regarding how to move forward with

collections during the COVID-19 pandemic. The board elected to table the discussion until the next board meeting.

New Business:

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:50 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was a motion made by Director Wakkuri and a second made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:05 p.m. with a motion made by Director Wakkuri, 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