

**Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2021 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on June 8, 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, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager and COVID Officer Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, GIS Specialist Roger Satnik, Construction Supervisor Robby Main, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Land Owner Mark Charlton.

The 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 May 4, 2021 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Bland, the second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Land Owner Mark Charlton addressed the board regarding an easement which is located approximately ½ mile North of the intersection of Fox Road and Lyons Road. A potential buyer is interested in a piece of property adjacent to the canal. Mr. Charlton was concerned about his water diversion point and wanted to know if the KRD was aware of this potential land purchase. Field Supervisor Main stated that KRD is aware of the situation and the buyer was referred to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to ascertain if a bridge would be approved. Mr. Charlton stated his only concern was that the situation didn't jeopardize his diversion point.

Water Master Report: As of June 8, the five reservoirs are at 98% capacity which is 109.0% of average. The KRD diversion is at 933 cfs. Precipitation at the reservoirs from June 1 to date is 2.08 inches, or 120% of average. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 208.92 inches, or 101% of average. The latest projection is showing that the KRD will receive 100% of entitlement.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance crews have repaired the Tucker Creek Bridge and have started work on the Big Creek Bridge.

Spray crews completed the initial weed spraying throughout the district and have started the second application in the Badger Pocket.

There were a couple leaks in the Badger Pocket, one was on the Turbin Lateral between Harold Rd and Kayner Rd on May 11. The repair required that the system be shut down for approximately 16 hours. The second incident was on the Gravity Lateral at the head-end. The repairs were able to be done by reducing the flow in the Lateral for approximately 2 hours.

The Gravity Lateral is being treated today for aquatic weeds and some of the crew will be treating the Turbin Lateral tomorrow. There is a maintenance crew clearing right-of-way on the main canal in the Upper County.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: Last month the board gave the Secretary Manager the flexibility to determine the best course of action to open the office. The office has remained closed with landowner meetings held by appointment only, this will be reconsidered after the Governor makes his next scheduled announcement on June 30.

There have been multiple briefings on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan over the last month to prepare for the upcoming DC Leadership Group Meeting.

Yakama Nation, Trout Unlimited and KRD provided a Tucker Creek Tour to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on May 19.

There is an Advisory Committee and Board Meeting of the Family Farm Alliance on June 11.

The Tri State Irrigators Meeting will be held on June 18 with entities from Oregon, Washington and Idaho in attendance.

A Central Washington University Field Class will begin touring the Taneum and learning about the Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Assessment as well as the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan on June 22.

Kittitas County Joint Control Board No. 1 will have their next meeting on July 13.

The U.S. Senator Patty Murray FY2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Form was submitted, requesting \$700,000.00 for a Bull Trout Research and Recover Facility in Easton.

The Senator Cantwell Appropriations Request for FY2022 was submitted, requesting \$1,250,000.00 for the North Branch above I-90 at the inlet of the Johnson Siphon. The proposed project will enhance instream flows through measures designed to reduce canal seepage and install some safety fencing in the area of the Renslow Trestle.

There is a Water Infrastructure Meeting on June 9.

Task 11 Change Order for the Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II was submitted to the board. This change order will allow for the continuation of the work to fill in the data gaps and progress to the next stage on the priority sites which are now Springwood and Wymer Tunnel. Director Haberman made a motion to approve Task 11 Change Order. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Due to the COVID pandemic, the community outreach for Water Marketing was unable to be completed within the original parameters of the grant. A request has been submitted to extend that portion of the grant for 1 year.

Project Updates: The USBR issued a Notice of Allowability of Pre-Award Costs for the North Branch Lining above Johnson.

Director Bland made a motion to accept Change Order #4 South Branch Phase II Robinson Siphon to MP 10.4 Piping Project for closeout credits. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Change Order #7 for South Branch Phase I Canal Lining Construction of Reach 4 and Change Order #8 for Construction of Reach 5 were submitted to the board. This is in preparations for discussions on costs for the next construction season.

Treasurer's Report: The Directors' monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the May 2021 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 45238-45322, direct deposit numbers 9902154 through 9902172 in the sum of \$421,274.54 were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: The 2021 Foreclosure List was presented. The board provided direction to move forward with the collection process. Legal Counsel Slothower advised that he would draft a letter next week for the two landowners on the list.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve the Government Affairs Services Agreement for Bill Clarke from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Bland to approve the Ruckelshaus Institute Annual Contribution of \$500.00. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to pay the Retro Safety Enrollment of \$1,832.77. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Operations & Maintenance 2nd Installment \$501,318.15 was presented to the board. Director Hansen made a motion to pay the invoice. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

West Side Irrigating Company agreed to sell a 2016 Dodge Ram Pick-up that they no longer needed to KRD. The KRD had been looking to purchase a budgeted pick-up and did not find anything on the state bid or at local dealerships that met the desired specifications. Director Bland made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-05 for the purchase of the 2016 Dodge Pick-up for \$20,000.00. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the lease with an option to purchase a 2019 John Deere Excavator. There was a consensus that there is significant work that needs to be done and warrants the KRD having two excavators, especially with the current one aging and continuing to need repairs. The board determined that the current lease would be extended an additional month to allow the KRD time to go out to bid for the purchase of a comparable excavator currently being leased. The subject will be tabled until the next meeting.

Other Business: Land Owner Mark Charlton asked the board what the status was for the KRD to be awarded any NRCS funding. Mr. Eberhart stated that the guidance is being worked on in Washington DC and the process continues. The KRD will also continue to work with the Kittitas County Conservation District on this matter.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was a motion made by Director Hansen 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 2:30 p.m. with a motion made by Director Haberman, 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