

**Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
July 7, 2020 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on July 7, 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 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 agenda was approved with a motion that was made by Director Mark Hansen and the second was made by Director Larry Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart read Resolution 2020-07 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020-07

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF
EDWARD RAY WAKKURI, SR.**

WHEREAS, Edward Ray Wakkuri, Sr. who unselfishly dedicated many years of service to the Kittitas Reclamation District with great distinction and success, died Tuesday June 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ray Wakkuri, Sr. enriched the Kittitas Reclamation District through his tireless public service as a Kittitas Reclamation District Director, Division Two from the year 2000 until 2020; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ray Wakkuri, Sr. demonstrated the spirit of public service by studiously serving on the Kittitas Reclamation District Board; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ray Wakkuri, Sr. spent time working as a coal miner at the No. 9 mine, working in forestry at Plum Creek Timber Company and working as a farmer in the Kittitas Reclamation District at the family farm off of Upper Peoh Point Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors hereby honors the memory of Edward Ray Wakkuri, Sr. for outstanding service and extraordinary contributions to the Kittitas Reclamation

District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered in the minutes of the Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors as a permanent record of the achievements of and respect for one of the finest citizens of Kittitas County to have served the Kittitas Reclamation District, and that the original be presented to the family of Edward Ray Wakkuri, Sr. with sincere sympathy and appreciation.

Adopted this the 7th day of July 2020.

Director Bland made a motion to approve resolution 2020-07. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the June 9, 2020 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Bland, the second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Mr. Eberhart reported that the subcommittee who met regarding the request to re-evaluate how the assessment interest is being calculated had met. The RCW was reviewed and the consensus was that the current procedure was aligned with the requirements of the RCW however to confirm the issue, KRD staff would be reaching out to the Washington State Auditor's Office to obtain their recommendation on the matter. The land owner was contacted and advised of the current standing on the matter. The subcommittee will report back to the next board meeting with further information.

Water Master Report: The five reservoirs are at 91% capacity. Storage is at 105.9% of average. There was no measurable precipitation at any of the five reservoirs from July 1st to date. Precipitation for the water year is 223.52 inches, or 104% of average. Storage control began on June 27th.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance crews have been repairing and building various bridges. Weeding and spraying is done on a continual basis. Algae control has begun. Crews have been replacing and installing no trespassing signs. The right-of-way is being cleared on the far side of the canal in the upper county.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: Mr. Eberhart reported on a new employee directive that was distributed to employees after the latest update from the State Governor. There was a brief discussion and consensus that the District continue with the Covid Declaration through the next board meeting where the subject will

be revisited. Director Haberman made a motion to continue the emergency declaration until the next board meeting. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The KRD met with the Department of Energy on June 15th to discuss the Yakima Basin Irrigation Modernization Program. There is particular interest for the KRD to discuss the wheeling agreement.

On June 16th, Mr. Eberhart presented to the Columbia Basin Development League.

The KRD met with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) on June 16th to discuss Water Wheeling.

A Legislative Virtual Tour Planning Meeting was held on June 23. The joint board gave approval to produce a promotional video that will be made by Guenther Media. The video will be a tool that can be used for future tours in various capacities.

On June 26th, the KRD, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and USBR met to discuss the South Branch Extension Crossing for the Manastash Ridge Trail. A collaborative effort was made to obtain the supplies and get the details of the project lined out.

A Water Wheeling Tour was conducted by the KRD for the USBR on June 30.

KRD Consultant Bill Clarke has been working with the Advisory Group on Water Trust, Banking & Transfers. Legal Counsel Slothower noted that there are some wide sweeping changes that are being proposed however he said that Ecology has indicated that their proposed changes would not apply to the Yakima Basin.

The Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II project is continuing. The Jacobs Engineering costs on the wheeling analysis are being funded through this Phase II grant. There will continue to be meetings pertaining to this wheeling analysis.

Water Supply Framing Process is continuing with Consultants Joel Hubble and Walter Larrick participating on behalf of the KRD.

The Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Assessment Phase I Report is complete. The next phase of the process would be to conduct a Field

Assessment of High-Priority Managed Aquifer Recharge locations. The Washington State Department of Ecology awarded Grant No. WRYBIP-1921-KittRD-00017 in the amount of \$175,600.00 for critical field work. Director Haberman made a motion to accept the grant. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: The purchased canal liner for the South Branch Phase I Reach 2-5 has been received and is being stored until it is needed for the next phase of the process.

A Change Order #4 was presented for the North Branch Phase III B&C which extends the completion date in the event that the additional assistance is needed for the telemetry.

The South Branch Phase II had Change Order #2 presented for Task 9. The surveying costs increased the amount by \$39,650.00 which increased the do not exceed amount to \$686,150.00 Director Bland made a motion to approve Change Order #2. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Directors' monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the May 2020 expenses and the June 2020 payroll which included check numbers 44304-44389, direct deposit numbers 9901914 through 9901930 in the sum of \$1,413,785.81 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. 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.

The Audit for the 2019 Financial Report is in progress. There was nothing to note of concern and further information will be available at the next board meeting.

The Use License Permit for the elk fence that was submitted by Chiawana Orchards LLC was presented to the board. The fence that was installed went several 100 feet into Section 12. The KRD staff is working on the amendments that would include a man gate, a cattle guard and a return gate for Deer and Elk.

The Call for Vehicle Bids and Specifications was presented to the board for the budgeted purchase of a 4x4 pick-up and a 2-wheel drive pick-up. Harvest Auto was the only bid that was received. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the purchase of the two vehicles from Harvest Chevrolet. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: There was no new business.

Other Business: All business having been concluded the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager