Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
October 13, 2026 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on October 13,2026 at 1:00 p.m. Attending the meeting, were Division Five Director and Chairman Brad Haberman, Division One Director and Vice Chairman Mark Hansen, Division Three Director Fred Schnebly, Division Two Director Sherry Swanson, Division Four Director Bart Bland, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Assistant Manager Sara Vickers, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, Treasurer Noah Annett, RRA Specialist Cheeseman, and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. KRD Landowners Tyler Haberman, Ryan Stingley, Paul Hutchinson and Bob Haberman were also in attendance.

Chairman Haberman called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved as amended with the addition of an executive session for reasons consistent with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii). The motion was made by Director Bland. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the September 1, 2026, Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Schnebly. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: KRD Landowner Bob Haberman told the Board that he was "disappointed and disgusted" with the Board. Bob Haberman claimed that the Board has a lack of leadership and sense of direction. He alleged that KRD has not been delivering water effectively as a result of the lack of direction. Bob Haberman would like future KRD Board meetings to discuss water allocation more frequently.

Bob Haberman then referenced the letter that he had sent to the board and that he appreciated the response from Legal Counsel Slothower even if he did not agree with the contents of the letter. Bob Haberman believed that the KRD Board should have each responded individually to his concerns rather than through legal counsel. After hearing the concerns Director Bland said that the KRD Board has a strong sense of direction and all decisions on water distribution were made in open meetings. Additionally, the Board was required to use legal counsel to respond to his issues. This is a result of a threat of litigation against the KRD water supply that had previously been made.

Water Master Report: As of October 12, 2026 the five reservoirs were at 16% capacity which is 57.9% of average. There was no measurable precipitation at the 5 reservoirs as of October 1 to date. The system is operating at 506cfs.

Field Supervisor Main reported that water flows will be reduced to 400 CFS with USBR shutting down the 1146 spillway. Minimum target flows at Easton and Cle Elum are being set.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance crews have finished the fall spraying program. There is an excavator working in the Upper County. There is a Backhoe on ride two clearing the canal and laterals. KRD is now currently planning for this year's water shutdown on October 15, 2026 as a result of the September rains.

Secretary Manager's Activity:

Mr. Eberhart introduced Kim Cheeseman who is the new Lands Clerk and RRA specialist.

Mr. Eberhart thanked the KRD Board for their direction and leadership that they have provided. With their longstanding support and direction of the unprecedented KRD conservation and water storage programs. This has resulted in well over $100 million of outside grant funding being brought into the KRD over the past 12 years. This work has increased water deliveries to the farms especially in drought years, including the past four years of unprecedented drought. There is no question that the water supply to landowners is now greater because of the direction and leadership of the KRD Board. The $100 million of outside grant funding that has been received during that period of time by KRD has allowed for canal lining, water conservation, surface water storage, ground water storage, and many other KRD projects that benefit landowners. This has resulted in KRD successfully competing for and putting to work on average more than $8,000,000 a year in improvements to the KRD canals and distribution system.

In September, KRD received a notice of award for an additional $4,000,000 for the Upper Yakima System Storage Feasibility Study and another $4,000,000 for water conservation.

Vice Chairman Hansen and Mr. Eberhart attended the Family Farm Alliance Meetings in Washington DC in September. The meetings were well attended and very productive. They were able to work with many government officials and talk about solutions to improve KRD canals and water supply.

The YBIP Drought and water supply legislative tour was held on September 21, 2026.

Mr. Eberhart attended a virtual quarterly meeting with tri state on September 23, 2026.

KRD led a USBR Environmental services tour on September 29, 2026.

A YBIP tour with Director Sixkiller was held on October 6, 2026.

Mr. Eberhart participated in a panel presentation to the American Water Resources Association about water conservation and Storage projects on October 8, 2026.

A motion was made by Director Bland to approve PS-01.02.5 Exhibit C_SB Engineering Services (2026-2027 Season). A second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

Request to move December 8, 2026, Board Meeting to December 16, 2026, at 1PM. A motion was made by Director Hansen. A Second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: NB Lateral Lining 0.0 to Milepost 0.6_Reach 1. The low bid for the project was submitted by Halme Construction INC. for $1,758,844. The bid was 4% under the engineer's opinion of cost. Director Hansen asked if the construction company was reputable and Field Supervisor Main reported that they had done some work for Quincy- Columbia Basin Irrigation District and they gave positive feedback.

A motion was made by Director Hansen to approve the notice of intent to award for construction. A Seconded was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Hansen to approve the notice to proceed for construction. Seconded by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Manager Eslinger presented NB Pump Lateral Lining Project, Milepost 0.6 to Milepost 5.6 Reach 2 and SB 13.6 to Manastash Project. Project schedule and project notice were presented to the board. Field Supervisor Main mentioned that with the additional grant funding we received we would be able to do the project. Treasurer Annett will complete the newspaper notices and Assistant Manager Vickers and Assistant Manager Eslinger will update the website postings for the projects.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the September 2026 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 50702 - 50766 direct deposit numbers 9903608 through 9903633 in the sum of $1,422,996.63 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The current 2026 Foreclosure List was presented to the Board. It was recommended that the treasurer will attempt to obtain collections for the remaining one landowner and report back at the next meeting.

New Business: Mr. Eberhart presented the Petition of Nomination for Irrigation District Director. There are two nominees for division 5 and two nominees for division 3.

A motion was made by Director Bland to approve KRD Resolution 2026-09 Board Appointment of Election Officials. The resolution allows for Director Swanson, Assistant Manager Eslinger, Assistant Manager Vickers, RRA Specialist Cheeseman, and Office Clerk Tina Webster to act as designated election officials for the KRD Election. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Legal Counsel Slothower presented KRD Resolution 2026-10 Novation Agreement. The resolution is for a transfer through the Novation agreement from Cruse and Associates to Encompass Engineering. A motion was made by Director Swanson. A Second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

KRD Landowner Colin Rose is requesting a temporary Use License on Saddlerock Dr. This will allow landowners temporary use of an KRD access road to access to their homes during a repaving project. A motion was made by Director Hansen. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

KRD Landowner Allen Lowe is requesting to install a pump on the gravity ditch. Field Supervisor Main mentioned that Mr. Lowe would be under his gravity ditch water allotment with the change. A motion was made by Director Schnebly. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:29 p.m. for 20 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Swanson. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:49 p.m. with a motion made by Director Swanson and the second was made by Director Schnebly. The motion passed unanimously.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mr. Haberman KRD Board of Directors Chairman

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Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager