Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
August 4, 2026 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on August 4, 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 and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. KRD Landowners Isaac Wright, Scott Haberman, and Miles Mays 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 Hansen. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the July 14, 2026, Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Schnebly. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Scott Haberman made reference to a letter that was sent to the Directors from Bob Haberman regarding Cascade Irrigation District and he asked if there was a response to the letter. Chairman Haberman stated that the response to the letter would be given to the person who wrote the letter.

Water Master Report: As of August 3, 2026 the five reservoirs were at 55% capacity which is 79.8% of average. There was no measurable precipitation at the five reservoirs for August 1 to date, Precipitation for the water year to date is 244.11 inches, or 112% of average. The canal is operating at 861 cfs.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that maintenance crews are continuing the spray and mowing program. The Gravity Lateral and Turbine Lateral have been treated, with the Taneum Canal scheduled for the following week. There has been one backhoe working on Ride 1 and one on Ride 5.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Mr. Eberhart reported the Springwood feasibility is progressing on schedule. Drillers are still on site and working through the study.

Mr. Eberhart attended the Levi George Celebration at the Cle Elum Hatchery on July 17, 2026

Vice Chairman Hansen and Mr. Eberhart attended the Family Farm Alliance Meetings in Cheyanne WY, from July 21, 2026 – July 24, 2026. The meetings were well attended and very productive networking and conversations occurred. They were able to have a meeting with the new Deputy Commissioner, David Palumbo. After the policy meetings, there was time to speak to several others who were in attendance.

The KRD is continuing to work on the permitting and design process with Trout Unlimited. On the Swauk Creek Pipeline Project.

Mr. Eberhart briefly spoke of a letter that was received it was determined that legal counsel and management would prepare a response.

Director Hanson made a motion for Treasurer Annett to Attend, WFOA Conference in Kennewick on Sept 16, 2026 – September 18, 2026. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

A brief report was given that a KRD Ditchrider had a car accident in Kittitas. The claim was submitted to insurance. There was significant damage done to the KRD vehicle and two additional vehicles. No injuries were reported at this time.

Project Updates: The North Branch Canal Lining Project MP 30.3 to 27.5 is complete. The notice of completion was presented to the Board.

The South Branch Piping Project from MP 12.8 to 13.6 is done with the exception of hydroseeding which will be done in the fall.

The well drilling contractor is expected to be back in Easton this coming week to work on some screens in preparation for the pump check. The building permit for the Easton Bull Trout facility is expected within the next couple weeks.

The design and bid package are designed and ready to go to bid for the North Branch Pump Lateral Lining, Milepost 0.6 to Milepost 5.6. The next phase of the project will be going out to bid.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the July 2026 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 50536 - 50622 direct deposit numbers 9903563 through 9903583 in the sum of $1,866,640.20 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Schnebly, 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 two landowners and report back at the next meeting.

New Business: Director Hanson made a motion to approve the payment of the United States Bureau of Reclamation Safety of Dams Bill for FY2026 in the amount of $300,347.30. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve resolution 2026-06 WaterSmart, The resolution allows that Mr. Eberhart has the authority to apply for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Grant. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

KRD Resolution 2026-07 Public Comment Policy for Board Meetings was tabled until the upcoming board meeting.

KRD landowner Jeff Knight Venture Rd requested to Move Turn Out on Venture Rd.. Director Hanson made a motion to approve the request. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

An Upper County Customer Requested to install a pump at the tail end of the 15.5 lateral. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the request. A second was made by Director Hanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:24 p.m. for 30 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii) there was a motion made by Director Swanson and a second made by Director Schnebly. The meeting was extended for an additional 5 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:59 p.m. with a motion made by Director Swanson and the second was made by Director Hanson. 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