

**Office of the Secretary Manager**  
**Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting**  
**June 14, 2022 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on June 14, 2022 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 Two Director Sherry Swanson, Division Five Director Brad Haberman, Division Four Director Bart Bland, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Construction Supervisor Robby Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower.

The agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session for reasons consistent with RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i). The motion was made by Director Haberman and the second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the May 3, 2022 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the May 24, 2022 Special Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: As of June 14, 2022 the five reservoirs are at 99% capacity and the storage is at 107.3% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for June 1 to date is 8.97 inches, or 280% of average and 121% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year to date is 248.10 inches, or 119% of average.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that maintenance crews have been hauling logs from the Cle Elum Siphon area and cutting lumber. Employees have been spraying and weed eating throughout the District. The Manastash Bridge is in the process of being repaired. There is a backhoe working in the Badger Pocket Area and one working at the Manastash Bridge. The laterals in the Badger Pocket area will be treated next week.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: The KRD is continuing to operate under the latest Governor Proclamation for Covid restrictions. The public meeting requirements remain the same, the KRD will monitor those as requirements change.

The repair work for the Ellensburg Shop is continuing. The support beams are installed and the progress will continue after the city inspection.

Legal Counsel Slothower attended the Joint Board Annual Science – Consultants Meeting on May 16, 2022. There was a good attendance with several presentations in the morning and a roundtable discussion in the afternoon.

The KRD hosted a tour for representatives of the Washington State Department of Agriculture and the Department of Fish and Wildlife on May 19, 2022.

Mr. Eberhart presented to the American Water Resources Association on May 26, 2022.

On June 2, 2022 Mr. Eberhart attended the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Habitat Subcommittee Meeting.

Mr. Eberhart presented at the DC Leadership Group Virtual Meetings on June 7-9, 2022.

There was a Tri-State Meeting in Bend, OR on June 10, 2022.

On June 13, 2022 there was a Technology for Trade Advisory Group Meeting.

Roza Irrigation Manager Scott Ravel and Mr. Eberhart will provide an all-day tour for the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) officials including Regional Director Jennifer Carrington and Washington State Water Resources Association (WSWRA) Executive Director John Stuhmiller on June 21, 2022.

Mr. Eberhart will be presenting to the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Water 101 Training Program which will be held in Leavenworth, WA on June 24, 2022.

There is a Columbia Basin Collaborative Meeting on June 29, 2022.

The Water Marketing Project is continuing.

Mr. Eberhart continues to work with the Yakima Basin Joint Board and the USBR on the Cost Allocation Discussion. Additional USBR data was requested so that more calculations can be done.

The Water Supply Technical Work Group is discussing future parameters around target flows.

The Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II draft report is being edited at this time.

A Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) project hydrologist coming from Spokane to look at various opportunities for additional ground water storage areas.

The precise location for the Easton Bull Trout Research Facility building is being determined. Once the building site location is decided on, the permitting design and consultation process will start.

Additional funds became available from the USBR FY22 Drought CR account. \$1 Million was awarded to the KRD.

The KRD has submitted additional funding requests for the North Branch and South Branch. Each request was submitted for \$80 Million. Additionally, KRD is working on a similar request for the Badger Pocket Area.

KRD Upper Yakima System Storage was awarded funding and authorization through the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIN) Act in 2018. This authorization is grandfathered through the federal infrastructure package. The KRD will continue to work with Washington State and USBR to utilize this funding source.

Project Updates: The South Branch Phase I Canal Lining Reach 4 and 5 are complete. Pay Application #14 was submitted to the board for a time extension for the final completion.

The South Branch Phase II Robinson MP 10.4 Piping Project to MP 10.8 KRD-2019 GC-01 Change Order #4 was submitted to the board to do additional roadwork which is in preparation to the next construction season.

Field Supervisor Bob Main described a landowner request to the board regarding a driveway which was asphalted prior to the construction without permission from the KRD. Since the South Branch construction has been done in that area, the asphalt was removed. The landowner is requesting that the KRD replace the asphalt. The board stated that by doing so would not be a reasonable way to spend public funds.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the May 2022 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 46262 - 46358, direct deposit numbers 9902429 through 9902447 in the sum of \$1,066,847.39 were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The alternative investment options for the funds currently being held in the Wells Fargo Bank is ongoing. A report will be provided to the board at the next board meeting.

Old Business: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that the excavation work is complete on the Cle Elum Siphon Inlet Crossing License, however due to the heavy rain there is some remaining material that needs to be removed. The board was asked to extend the crossing license until the upcoming board meeting on July 12, 2022. The safety fencing will be replaced after water is turned off.

The procedures and policy updates are going through another revision before being presented for final approval.

New Business: The board agreed to send the outstanding accounts on the Foreclosure List to legal counsel on July 1, 2022.

Director Hansen made a motion to pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the USBR Operations and Maintenance Costs CY 2022 in the amount of \$154,777.79. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. for 30 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:25 p.m. with a motion made by Director Haberman, and the second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

All business having been concluded the meeting was adjourned.

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Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

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Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager