

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
March 8, 2022 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on March 8, 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 Four Director Larry Bland, Division Five Director Brad Haberman, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, GIS Specialist Roger Satnik, KRD Lands Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers and via conference call, 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), 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 Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the February 8, 2022 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Land Owner Mark Charlton requested that the board consider having an early turn on for water this year due to the low snow pack.

Water Master Report: As of March 7, 2022 the five reservoirs are at 79% capacity and the storage is at 130.3% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for March 1 to date is 2.55 inches, or 63% of average and 12% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year to date is 185.25 inches, or 112% of average. The Upper snow tel sites are forecasting 100% of allotment at this time.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that there are currently two excavators working on the North Branch between Schnebly Rd and Lester Rd. One of the excavators will be moved to the Tillman area and the other will move to the Westside Irrigating Company. A backhoe is cleaning off of Passmore Rd and another is in the Badger Pocket area. There are two burn crews who will be burning over the next couple weeks.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: Mr. Eberhart reported that one of the KRD equipment operators has had some significant health problems and to please keep him in our thoughts.

It is expected that the Governor will lift the mask mandate on March 12, 2022. At that time KRD will reassess operations.

The insurance contractor for the Ellensburg Shop has received the necessary permits and will begin roof repair work for the insurance company on March 14, 2022.

Mr. Eberhart presented at the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Yakima Basin Integrate Plan (YBIP) Briefing on February 18, 2022.

Director Hansen, Director Haberman and Mr. Eberhart attended the February 2022, Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference in Reno, NV. The conference was well attended and provided a good opportunity to interact in-person with regional and federal officials.

The Nature Conservancy will be filming on March 11, 2022. Mr. Eberhart was asked to speak about the Flood Plains by Design Project and the Yakima Integrated Plan.

The Water Supply Technical Work Group is continuing its work. Most recently, they met with the Integrated Plan Group to continue the discussion on winter water availability.

Discussions continue with the Joint Board and the USBR on the Reclamation Cost Allocation.

The Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II is progressing. The KRD is in discussions with the USBR to receive funds for feasibility and scoping which will be the next step to continue the process of moving toward dam construction.

There have been several meetings on the Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Group recently which is working on the permitting process for the Taneum Creek Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Test. The test would consist of running USBR water through the canal system and then the calculations can be done to determine the storage availability and benefits of the project.

Director Hansen made a motion to extend the access at the Cle Elum Siphon Inlet for Rodney McNickle to April 1, 2022. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Haberman to extend the access for Kyle Kennedy to the June 7, 2022 Board Meeting. The second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Ken Wilson is working with Landowner David Sadowski on the North Branch 8.3 Bridge. The work is expected to be completed before the water turn-on in 2023.

Project Updates: The South Branch Phase I Canal Lining Reach 4 is near completion. Reach 5 is expected to be complete in April 2022. Change Order 10 is drafted and will be signed once the USBR signs the lid lift which is expected to be complete within the next few days.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve Task Order 10 of South Branch Phase I Construction Management which will extend the construction management of the contract. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

South Branch Phase II Change Order 3 will be for road work up to High Ranches Rd.

Lidar surveying will be done on the North Branch Above Johnson and for the Upper Yakima System Storage Project.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the February 2022 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 46004-46083, direct deposit numbers 9902362 through 9902379 in the sum of \$1,946,689.30 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The Sub Committee will coordinate a meeting to rank the Professional Services RFQ submittals and provide a report for the Board.

New Business: An estimate from the USBR for O&M Costs CY 2022 had a surplus of \$154,777.79 from the O&M Costs CY 2021. The first bill for the Kachess Dam Repair has not been received to date.

The contracts for the Kittitas County Water Purveyors (KCWP) 2022 Contributions were presented and signed by the board.

Drafts of several updated Procedures and Policies were presented to the board for review. There have been several problems with distribution plans which are created and not

implemented. This will allow the KRD to record the distribution plan and have more legal authority. The new policy will address who has the responsibility to implement the Water Distribution Plan. Once the policy is set, the KRD plans to meet with Kittitas County Public Works to establish a system of notification when there is a boundary line adjustment that is made. A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the various policies. Assistant Manager Eslinger will be obtaining the modifications on turnouts and weirs and will provide that to Director Swanson at a later time.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:58 p.m. for 10 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session was extended an additional 10 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:18 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen, and the second was made by Director Swanson. 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