

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 2025 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on December 9, 2025 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 Bart Bland, Division Five Director Brad Haberman, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, Assistant Manager Sara Vickers and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. KRD landowners Fred Slyfield and Mark Charlton were also present.

KRD Chairman Schnebly called the meeting to order. Director Haberman made a motion to open the Board of Equalization for the duration of the board meeting. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously. The audience was polled to determine if there was anyone who was requesting equalization, which there was not.

The agenda was approved 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 November 4, 2025 and November 25, 2025 Board Meetings were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: KRD Landowner Fred Slyfield wanted to commend his ditchrider Matt McCune. He felt that Matt has done a great job and has been a pleasure to work with throughout the season. Mr. Slyfield also inquired about future lining projects and how that would impact bridges specifically in the area of his property. Assistant Manager Sara Vickers stated that the particular portion of work in question was under a design phase, there is no funding for construction currently. There will be communication with the landowners regarding the bridge when the project gets closer. Field Supervisor Main mentioned that there was an area near the bridge in question that would be a good area for an easement for ingress egress, the landowner stated he would be willing to donate the land for that.

Mark Charlton addressed the Board to offer his appreciation for the work it took to retain the current assessment without increasing it.

Water Master Report: There was not a daily water report available today. Mr. Eberhart reported that Field Supervisor Main was out in the field working with the Easton Dam Tender on the flooding and water control issues. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has been in close communication with the KRD throughout this storm, monitoring water flows. Another storm cell is expected to follow the current one, in the meantime the Kachess Reservoir and the Kechelus Reservoir are releasing bare minimum flows and capturing all the available water possible. The flooding that is occurring is due to the lower tributaries which there is currently no way to capture the water and ease the hazards.

Maintenance Report: The Rope Team has been working in the Yakima Pressure Tunnel Siphon. Some of the steel plates have worn thin and are being replaced. The siphon is also being pumped out currently.

Secretary Manager's Activity: The core drilling at the Springwood site has been completed for the fall and will start back up when the weather allows.

Mr. Eberhart expressed his appreciation for those who were able to attend the Washington State Water Resources Association (WSWRA) Annual Conference in Spokane, WA December 3-5, 2025. The consensus was that it was well attended with a lot of interaction during the meetings.

Department of Ecology is working with Grant Manager Roger Satnik on contracting for approximately one million dollars in conservation funding for the South Branch.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve PS-01.02.4_Task 02_CO No 4 – for professional services on the North and South Branch projects which would increase funding an additional \$250,000.00. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The PS-06.01_Am5_Exhibit C for the Easton Bull Trout Project was presented to the Board. This scope of work allows Jacobs Engineering to navigate through the process with Department of Ecology. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the amendment which will not exceed \$310,000.00. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve PS-01.11.1 SB 3.9-7.0_Environmental Assessments & Time Extension. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

There was a Board consensus to allow the KRD Office to be closed for the Christmas holiday from December 22-26.

Director Hansen inquired if it was possible for landowners to pay the upcoming year assessment in advance. After a general discussion it was determined that if a landowner were to request to make an advance payment they could do so.

Project Updates: N.A. Degerstrom will begin work on the North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 in January.

There will be a meeting next week for the South Branch 12.8 to South Branch 13.6 Piping project to discuss the pipe source.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the November 2025 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 49896 - 49969 direct deposit numbers 9903380 through 9903398 in the sum of \$647,967.16 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The current 2025 Foreclosure List was presented to the Board with one remaining account. Legal counsel Slothower reported that the title report has been received and the certificate of delinquency is being reviewed.

The Board agreed that the publication for the notice to bid for an excavator can be published.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between Kittitas County Conservation District and the KRD Task Order 8. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The Reclamation Construction Debt Repayment Invoice was presented to the Board. Director Haberman made a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$50,567.02. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10 to allow for the sale of surplus vehicles. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Schnebly polled the audience again to determine if there were any attendees that wanted to contest the Board of Equalization, there was no response. Director Haberman made a motion to close the Board of Equalization Resolution 2025-11. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:46 p.m. for 10 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Swanson. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:56 p.m. with a motion made by Director Haberman 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