

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
January 7, 2025 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on January 7, 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, KRD Lands Clerk & RRA Specialist Sara Vickers, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowner Mark Charlton.

KRD Chairman Schnebly called the meeting to order. 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 Haberman. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart presented the Certificate of Election and Oath documents for Division One Director, Mark Hansen and Division Four Director, Bart Bland.

A motion was made by Director Haberman to retain Director Schnebly as the Board Chairman and Director Hansen as the Vice Chairman for 2025. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the Appointment of Secretary-Manager Urban Eberhart. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to retain the Appointment of Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the December 10, 2024 and December 17, 2024 Board Meetings were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: As of January 6, 2025 the five reservoirs are at 16% capacity which is 35.1% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs from January 1 to date 7.15 inches, or 44% of average and 3% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year is 83.44 inches, or 85% of average. The Snotel sites for the Upper Yakima

Basin are reporting at 126% of average and the Naches Basin sites are at 125% of average. Mark Charlton asked what a normal year would look like, there was a brief discussion. The water master was unable to provide an actual number but it is very short.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that maintenance crews have been clearing right-of-way in the area of the Peterson Syphon. The electrical repairs at the Easton Dam have been completed after the most recent United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) inspection recommendation. The repairs to the Yakima Syphon are now complete. Maintenance crews are continuing with vehicle maintenance at the Kittitas Shop. Confined Space training is scheduled for next week. The Easton Pool is below the drum gate hinge as of today which will allow an inspection of the chamber after the employees have completed the confined space training. Spray school for pesticide license holders will be on January 23, 2025.

Director Swanson asked how the new employee, Robert Trump was working out. Field Supervisor Main stated that he is doing well.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Mr. Eberhart assisted with a panel presentation for the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP) Panel for Fish and Wildlife Commission Big Tent Committee on December 12, 2024.

The System Operations Advisory Committee Facilitated Discussions are continuing, the next meeting will be on January 10, 2025 and Mr. Eberhart will be in attendance.

On January 10, 2025, KRD, Kittitas County and Reclamation will be meeting to discuss bridges.

Mr. Eberhart will be virtually attending the Tri State Meeting in Boise, ID on January 31, 2025.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve the PS-01.11.0 (South Branch 3.9-7.0 Lining Project) Proposal. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Field Supervisor Main reported a trespassing incident that has been occurring on the Main Branch Canal. It appears that snow has been plowed to allow for people to utilize the trail as a nature trail. A KRD backhoe was used to dig out the access road to the right-of-way and barricaded the road. A letter is being drafted to send to area residents to explain the extreme hazard in the area.

Project Updates: The North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 project is progressing on schedule. The turnouts have been installed, snow removal is being done on the first 4000 feet to allow for the installation of the geomembrane. Concrete lining will begin next week.

Construction is moving forward on the South Branch Piping Milepost 12.4-12.8 Project. Yesterday, construction crews were pumping water out of the existing pipeline so that it can be dismantled. 700 feet of pipe has been delivered to date and pipe installation began today.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the December 2024 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 48966 - 49072 direct deposit numbers 9903138 through 9903156 in the sum of \$1,369,471.54 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: A response letter to Eric Pentico was mailed January 3, 2025. In summary, it stated that KRD delivers water to the highest point and it is up to the neighbors to work together. It was noted in the original distribution plan that a water master was required.

New Business: Director Hansen made a motion to pay the Reclamation CY2025 Operation and Maintenance First Installment in the amount of \$414,000.00. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:27 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was a motion made by Director Swanson and a second made by Director Bland. Executive Session was extended an additional 40 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:22 pm with a motion made by Director Hansen and the second was made by Director Haberman. 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