

**Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
May 5, 2026 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on May 5, 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 and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. KRD Landowners Mark Charlton and Isaac Wright were also in attendance.

KRD 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 Bland. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the April 7, 2026, Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Schnebly. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Water Master Report: As of May 5, 2026 the five reservoirs were at 96% capacity which is 125.5% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for May 1 to date is .45 inches or 35% of average and 5% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year to date is 231.75 inches, or 117% of average. The Upper Yakima Basin Snotel Sites are reporting 13% of average. The Lower Yakima Basin Snotel Sites are reporting 33% of average. Currently the system is operating at 1 inch to the acre.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that the system is operational and fully charged. There were a few minor leaks that were repaired. There is an excavator and backhoe working in the Badger Pocket Area, another backhoe is picking up spoils on Ride 2 and another backhoe is in Easton. The mowing and spraying program are continuing.

Secretary Manager's Activity: There are several drill rigs that are working in the Springwood area. The cataloging is going well and a KRD water truck will be dropped off next week.

The Reconnection of Chamna: Restoring the Yakima River Delta had a causeway removal ceremony on April 24, 2026. The event was well attended, and the organizers really appreciate the strong show of support.

Director Bland made a motion to approve KRD2022-PS-01.01.6 which authorized an additional \$40,000.00 for a ceiling adjustment for Jacobs Engineering. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: The North Branch Canal Lining Project MP 30.3 to 27.5 is complete. N.A. Degerstrom is demobilizing, the turnouts have been tested and are functioning well. The elk fence is complete with the exception of a man gate that will need to be added.

The South Branch Piping Project from MP 12.8 to 13.6 is complete. A certificate of substantial completion was presented to the Board. There will be some additional gravel and pipe needed in the future. Change Order #1 was presented as an informational only at this time. It will allow for a time extension this fall to do the hydroseeding and increased the contract price by \$24,250. Change Order #2 was also presented which stated the final completion date is December 31, 2026 and the overall amount of the project decreased by \$15,125.00.

There is a meeting next week with State Parks and the drilling company for the Easton Well Drilling Project.

Belsaas and Smith has moved some equipment up to the Easton Bull Trout Facility in preparation for the project. There is a KRD backhoe on site to assist with the removal of the organic material for the preparation of the building site.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the April 2026 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 50294 - 50384 direct deposit numbers 9903492 through 9903512 in the sum of \$2,323,200.48 were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Assistant Manager Vickers met with the Kittitas County Historical Museum and Historian Kelsey Doncaster regarding the future planning for this event. The committee will work with Department of Fish and Wildlife and Yakama Nation on the possibility of small-scale tours. The outreach and public education will also meet some of the requirements for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on current projects.

New Business: The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Construction 1st Installment for 2026 Invoice was presented to the Board in the amount of \$50,567.03. Director Bland made a motion to approve the payment. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Record of Disposal of Assets. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-04 Declaring an Emergency was presented to the Board. Director Bland made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-05 for Purchase of a John Deere Excavator. A second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:22 p.m. for 30 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Bland. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:52 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen and the second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Haberman KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager