

**Office of the Secretary Manager**  
**Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting**  
**July 12, 2022 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on July 12, 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, Construction Supervisor Robby Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowner Kyle Kennedy.

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 June 14, 2022 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: KRD Landowner Kyle Kennedy addressed the board and thanked them for working with him with the use permit and crossing license.

Water Master Report: As of July 12, 2022 the five reservoirs are at 97% capacity and the storage is at 115.3% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for July 1 to date is 2.84 inches, or 196% of average and 70% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year to date is 252.59 inches, or 118% of average. The water is back up to full capacity after the repair work. Storage Control began on July 8, 2022.

Maintenance Report: Construction Supervisor Robby Main reported that maintenance crews have been spraying and weed eating. The Manastash Bridge repair is complete. There have been a few small seeps in the system which the maintenance crews have repaired. The small seep in the area of Bristol Flats did require the water to be diverted from the canal system for a couple days to allow for the repair which was safely, quickly and efficiently completed. Director Haberman addressed the board and expressed his appreciation for the crews and the diligent work they performed to handle the repairs as quickly as possible. It

was also noted that the social media and website updates were greatly appreciated. Employees were proactive in public safety by updating social media and the website throughout the incident as well as posting signs along the Yakima River to discourage recreational use.

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 KRD staff has experienced more Covid cases and exposures than any prior month to date.

The insurance company's Roofing contractor is scheduled to be in this week to close the roof in and finish the roofing.

Roza Irrigation Manager Scott Revell and Mr. Eberhart provided an all-day tour for 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 presented to the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Water 101 Training Program which was held in Leavenworth, WA on June 24, 2022.

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

The New York Times is sending a reporter on July 14, 2022 to meet with Mr. Eberhart and Director Hansen.

The Yakama Nation is celebrating the 25-year anniversary of the Cle Elum Hatchery on July 15, 2022. The celebration is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Eberhart along with Department of Ecology, Melissa Downes and Department of Agriculture, Jaclyn Hancock will present on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan at the 2022 Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture (WASDA) Conference on July 19, 2022.

On July 20, 2022, Mr. Eberhart will speak on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan for a Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD) Project Tour.

The draft report for the Water Marketing Grant is close to being complete. The report is expected to be published in the fall.

Mr. Eberhart continues to work with the Yakima Basin Joint Board and the USBR on the Cost Allocation Discussion.

The Water Supply Technical Work Group has been working to determine the flows that would be available that could be used for water storage.

Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II contract is at contracting in the USBR Boise, ID Office. KRD is working diligently to ensure there is a clear understanding of the history and future scope of the project to allow for the most accurate funding estimate possible.

The Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR), Taneum Creek Pilot Test is moving through discussions and permitting with the USBR.

The KRD is working with the USBR on contracting language for the Easton Bull Trout Research Facility.

Senator Murray and Representative Schrier's Offices contacted the KRD to advise that \$2 Million had been awarded to the KRD in a grant. The matching portion of the grant is anticipated to come from the Department of Ecology.

The KRD will continue to monitor the FY22 Appropriations as the fiscal year comes to a close. If there is any additional funding available the KRD will ask for it to be reallocated to KRD projects that are ready to go.

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.

Task 01 for KRD2022-PS-01-01.0 General Engineering Support Services was presented to the board which approves Jacobs Engineering for a cap on the account.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve Mr. Eberhart's travel to Family Farm Alliance Conference in Washington DC the week of September 25, 2022. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: The South Branch Phase I Canal Lining Reach 4 and 5 are complete. Change Order #11 (Closeout) and the certificate of completion was presented to the board. The remaining portion of this project is waiting for the subcontractors to submit their affidavits and then the entire process will be complete.

The South Branch Phase II Robinson MP 10.4 Piping Project to MP 10.8 is substantially completed. A walk through occurred on June 29, 2022. The road has been regraded and recompact.

The USBR has allocated an additional \$1Million for the North Branch above Johnson.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the June 2022 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 46359 - 46447, direct deposit numbers 9902452 through 9902472 in the sum of \$849,801.27 were approved with a motion made by Director Haberman. 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 was presented to the Board.

The Washington State Auditor's Office will begin the 2021 Financial Audit this week.

Old Business: Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers reported that the use licenses and crossing permits are ready. Director Swanson made a motion to allow Mr. Eberhart authorization to sign the use permit and crossing license for Kyle Kennedy and the use permit for Rodney McNickle. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

A draft of the procedure and policy updates have been provided to the board members for their review. If there are no further updates or concerns, the documents will be ready for implementation after the upcoming board meeting.

The 2022 Foreclosure List has five accounts remaining and has been transferred to Legal Counsel to progress through the collection process.

New Business: Consultant Mark Limbaugh had a meeting with members from the Yakima Basin Coalition to discuss the USBR Kachess Dam Repairs Repayment. It appears, that the calculation process being used is not consistent between federal agencies. There is a meeting scheduled with USBR Regional Director Jennifer Carrington this week to discuss the topic further.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:04 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:19 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