

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
January 10, 2023 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on January 10, 2023 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, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. Also present were KRD Landowners, Pat and Vicki Jenkins, Doug and Alice Burnett and Dave McDaniel.

The agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session for reasons consistent with RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii). The motion was made by Director Hansen and a second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart presented the Certificate of Election and Oath documents for Division 4 Director, Bart Bland and Division 2 Director, Sherry Swanson.

A motion was made by Director Haberman to retain Director Schnebly as the Board Chairman and Director Hansen as the Vice Chairman for 2023. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

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

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

The minutes for the December 6, 2022 and December 9, 2022, Board Meetings were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Mr. and Mrs. Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins addressed the KRD Board with concerns regarding accessibility to the KRD canal ditchbank

specifically being used for a hunting club to access plotted hunting areas. Mr. Burnett stated that a prior KRD Manager gave him verbal permission to allow access to this portion of the canal road with the understanding that Mr. Burnett assisted with maintenance of the road. This practice has been in occurrence for several years until it came up recently and a letter was sent to the Burnett's and Jenkins to stop using the canal for these purposes. Director Hansen addressed the landowners by saying the prior Manager should not have made any such arrangement without the approval of the Board and since it was not a Board approved arrangement it was not applicable. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that access would be allowed through March 31, 2023 so that there would not be a financial burden to the existing business and would allow the landowners time to find an alternative means of gaining access to the different parts of the property.

Water Master Report: As of January 10, 2023 the five reservoirs are at 44% capacity and the storage at 92% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for January 1 to date is 1.93 inches, or 17% of average and 5% of the months average. We are running 84% of average for water year overall. The Sno Tel sites for the Upper Yakima Basin are reporting 105% of average and the Lower Basin Sites are reporting at 97% of average.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that there are a couple employees who are working in the Kittitas Shop doing vehicle maintenance and welding. There is an excavator which is cleaning ditches and a KRD crew that is falling trees in the Upper County. The Tucker Creek Siphon is being pumped out so an inspection can occur in the next few days.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: The contractor for the insurance company that is working on the Ellensburg Shop has completed the work.

Mr. Eberhart was interviewed for the Columbia Insight Article that was published on December 15, 2022.

The Family Farm Alliance published an article, Our Food Supply at Risk, on November 15, 2022 which was presented to the Board and explained the importance of growing alfalfa and hay crops.

The Washington State Water Resource Association (WSWRA) Legislative Day is January 19, 2023.

On January 27, 2023 the WSWRA Tri State Meeting will be held in Portland, OR.

The Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II analysis process is continuing.

Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR), Taneum Creek Pilot Test has received the clearance from Department of Archaeological and Preservation Office to put in a diversion which will allow water to be distributed on the ground and test the capacity of water storage for the area.

The Easton Bull Trout Research and Recovery Facility Project is continuing with the latest work being, discussions on the agreement with the Yakama Nation on the cultural work and the ground penetrating radar which is expected to be done by Central Washington University.

President Biden signed the FY23 omnibus bill. It will be approximately 30 days to determine the exact funding allocations.

Project Updates: There are some more funds available now and Director Swanson made a motion to give Mr. Eberhart permission to sign Change Order No. 33-NBC-1005 #01 after legal and management approval, a second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously. An additional \$3.5 million dollars is expected to be available for the North Branch Project in February. There may be additional funding available after that.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the December 2022 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 46872 - 46973, direct deposit numbers 9902602 through 9902622 in the sum of \$507,376.06 were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: There was no old business noted.

New Business: Director Haberman made a motion to approve the first installment for the CY2023 USBR Operations and Maintenance payment in the amount of \$386,500.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. for 5 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:45 p.m. with a motion made by Director Haberman and the second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the purchase of the two properties in Kittitas. Director Hansen said he felt the purchase was essential for the KRD because the Ellensburg Shop is functionally obsolete. The organization has outgrown the Ellensburg Facility and it is no longer adequate to the essential job duties of the organization. Director Hansen made a motion to purchase the Gibb and Camelot LLC properties in Kittitas. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Board readjourned to Executive Session at 1:47 p.m. for 20 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously. Executive session was extended for an additional 30 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:37 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.

Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager