

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
July 11, 2023 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on July 11, 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, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowner Brent Møllergaard.

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

The minutes for the June 6, 2023, Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: As of July 10, 2023 the five reservoirs are at 69% capacity and the storage at 81.3% of average. We are running 1129 cfs in the canal as of today. The System went on Storage Control on June 1, 2023, all senior water users will receive 100% supply, junior water users are currently receiving a 72% supply. Inflow to the five reservoirs is 50% and releases from the five is 106% of average. Inflow to the five reservoirs for the Water Year to date is 1125KAF, or 73% of average and releases from the five is 811KAF, or 85% of average. No measurable precipitation recorded at the five reservoirs for July 1, to date. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 157.31 inches, or 73% of average.

Director Bland made a motion to run at an inch to the acre and change the water allotment to 1.75 cfs, and will reevaluate at the next board meeting. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously. The KRD will continue to monitor measurements and work with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to ensure that the water is being utilized in a responsible for our landowners to utilize the water as long as possible. Proration began on June 1,

2023. The KRD will also be working with the USBR to determine if water can be wheeled for Westside Irrigating Company during flip flop.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that maintenance crews are continuing the spraying and mowing programs. There are 2 bridges being repaired. A fence is being installed on the North side of the Kittitas Shop and some general road maintenance being done on access roads.

Director Hansen asked for an update on the Naneum Creek project. Mr. Eberhart reported that a field tour with various agencies had been done within the last few weeks. The KRD is asking Senator Cantwell for \$750,000 to determine how the flooding can be prevented in the future. There is also an application that has been submitted for additional groundwater work that would be an additional preventative measure for this area.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: The Kittitas County Conservation District and the KRD hosted a tour for Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Terry Cosby on June 13, 2023. The tour covered work in the Manastash area as well as some of the sprinkler projects that have been done in the area.

On June 13, 2023 there were approximately 40 people in the Ecology Executive Team Tour. The visit included a presentation as well as touring of Little Creek, the Springwood Site, and the removal of the Nelson Dam in Yakima, WA.

Mr. Eberhart gave a presentation for the Basin Science & Management Conference on June 14-15, 2023 which was held at Central Washington University.

The Washington State Water Resource Association (WSWRA) Tri-State Meeting was held in Spokane, WA on June 23, 2023.

Mr. Eberhart was interviewed for the TVW Collaborative Leadership Project in Olympia, WA on June 26, 2023.

Assistant Manager Eslinger helped coordinate a site visit for EMRGY Inc. which was on June 28-29, 2023. A report of the findings is expected by the next board meeting.

On June 29, 2023, the KRD participated in the Yakima Basin Joint Board "Water 101" Tour Upper Basin. This tour provided an introduction to irrigation and the projects being done throughout the system.

The Upper Yakima System Storage Value Planning Study has a Field Tour scheduled for July 12-13, 2023. There will be a classroom portion as well as the field tour which will focus on Springwood and then move to the KRD Diversion Dam.

Director Hansen extended the invitation for the Family Farm Alliance Dinner which will be held on September 13, 2023. In conjunction to the dinner with various public speakers, there will be tours through the Columbia Basin and Yakima Basin.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve the travel for Mr. Eberhart to attend the Family Farm Alliance Meetings in Washington D.C. during the week of September 24, 2023. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: The funding for the North Branch and the South Branch projects are continuing to move forward. Once the funding is awarded, the projects will move to the bid process.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the June 2023 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 47408 - 47483 direct deposit numbers 9902734 through 9902754 in the sum of \$766,222.00 were approved with a motion made by Director Haberman. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: There is one remaining land owner on the 2023 Foreclosure List. Attempts will continue to be made with the landowner to make a payment plan to rectify this account.

New Business: Assistant Manager Eslinger is working on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Qualified Environmental Consulting Services for an environmental consulting firm to check the soil around the Ellensburg Shop. The intent is to have the soil tested in the fall.

The 2023 KRD Employee Housing Agreement for the Easton House was presented and signed by the Chairman.

Resolution 2023-04 Drought Emergency was presented to the Board. Roza Irrigation District and the Yakama Nation are working on similar resolutions as

well. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the Drought Resolution 2023-04. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously. With the resolution in place, if we have contracts related to the drought or supplying water to the grower's, it can be done without going through a formal bidding process as well as allowing Mr. Eberhart to attempt to find additional funding opportunities.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:50 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:05 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