

**Office of the Secretary Manager**  
**Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 8, 2023 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on August 8, 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 Landowners Kyle Kennedy, Mark Charlton and Alex Schnebly.

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

The minutes for the July 11, 2023, Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Landowner Kyle Kennedy addressed the Board regarding a boundary line adjustment he requested if he were to subdivide his 20-acre piece of property. The prospective buyer has expressed an interest in the installation of a bridge which would access KRD property. The Board agreed to discuss the matter.

Water Master Report: As of August 7, 2023 the five reservoirs are at 46% capacity and the storage at 69.8% of average. KRD is running 1018 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, pro-ratable water users are currently receiving a 72% supply. Inflow to the five reservoirs is 80% and releases from the five is 95% of average. Inflow to the five reservoirs for the Water Year to date is 1175KAF, or 72% of average and releases from the five is 1113KAF, or 89% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for August 1, to date 1.65 inches, or 261% of average and 52% of the months average. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 159.41 inches, or 73% of average.

Director Bland made a motion to continue to operate the water supply according to the projection and will reevaluate it at the next board meeting. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously. The KRD will continue to monitor the water supply and work with the United State Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to ensure that the water is being allocated in an efficient manner for our landowners to deliver the water fairly and equitably.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that maintenance crews are continuing the spraying and mowing programs. The Taneum Bridge rebuild is complete and crews are working on a second bridge at this time. Maintenance crews also did some road repair work and are constructing a chemical storage building at the Kittitas Shop. Once a permit is issued, work will begin on the fence at the Kittitas Shop.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: Mr. Eberhart participated in the Upper Yakima System Storage Value Planning Tour on July 12 & 13, 2023. The participants met again on July 24-28, 2023 to start the Upper Yakima System Storage Value Planning Study. On August 7, 2023 the same group met for a Post-Brief of the study. The highest ranking project that was discussed was the Yakima System Storage Springwood Reservoir. The next phase of this project will be moving on to the scoping and feasibility.

On July 31, 2023, the Washington State House and Senate held a Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought to review the drought declaration made by the Governor. Mr. Eberhart testified at the hearing. The declaration is from July 24, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

The Nature Conservancy held a celebration on August 1, 2023 to recognize the purchase of checkerboard property above Taneum and Manastash with the goal that it will provide a better managed forest for water supply. The event was held in Roslyn and was well attended.

The current agreement between the KRD and Taneum Canal Company is expiring. The groups met for discussions on August 2, 2023. Legal counsel is drafting the next agreement and will present it to the KRD Board for approval.

On August 10, 2023, the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Communications Coordination Group will be touring KRD projects and the Cle Elum facility.

Director Hansen provided an open invitation to attend the Family Farm Alliance Tour of Kittitas Valley on September 13, 2023 with a dinner following.

Family Farm Alliance Meetings will begin the week of September 24, 2023 in Washington D.C.

The Notice of Award / Grant #R23AP00152-00/NB Lining was presented to the Board.

Mr. Eberhart spoke briefly on the projection of the funding for Fall Projects that the KRD has currently and what was expected to come in over the near future.

Project Updates: The North Branch NBC 30.3-31.5 is tentatively set to begin October 30, 2023.

Assistant Manager Eslinger reported that the Invitation to Bid on the North Branch Canal Lining Project Stevens Rd to Vantage Hwy, North Branch 27.7-30.3 is tentatively set for October 1, 2023.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the July 2023 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 47484 - 47573 direct deposit numbers 9902759 through 9902779 in the sum of \$465,401.61 were approved with a motion made by Director Haberman. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The final review of the Ellensburg Shop Fire insurance documents has been submitted. The final payment will be forthcoming, and the claim will be closed.

EMRGY Inc. provided a virtual presentation of the findings from the site visit they had made the prior month. The Board was encourage to travel to Colorado for a site visit to a working facility to see the units in person. A letter of intent was requested by EMRGY Inc. to continue this collaboration. The KRD will work with the USBR to determine the feasibility of this project before providing the letter.

After receiving feedback that the timeline was too short for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Qualified Environmental Consulting Services, the timeline was extended by approximately 3 weeks.

New Business: Mr. Kennedy addressed the board during public comment regarding the request for an additional crossing license at the South Cle Elum Syphon. The Board spoke briefly on the subject and the history of the prior license. Mr. Kennedy was told that an application with detailed drawings would need to be submitted to the USBR for approval.

The KRD has received permission from the USBR to wheel water for Westside Irrigating Company.

The Washington State Employee Credit Union (WSECU) is in the process of purchasing the Ellensburg Branch of Heritage Bank. The credit union is unable to insure the governmental-public funds in its entirety, so the Board provided direction to look for another banking opportunity.

Director Hansen made a motion to pay the invoice for Safety of Dams for Kachess Dam FY 2023 in the amount of \$357,864.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:20 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 Swanson. The motion passed unanimously. Extended 5 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:40 pm. Extended 5 minutes. 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.

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Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

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Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager