

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2026 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on February 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.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 Landowner Paul Hutchinson was also present.

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 January 6, 2026, 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 February 12, 2026 the five reservoirs were at 74% capacity which is 130.7% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for February 1 to date is 6.72 inches, or 66% of average and 26% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year is 166.65 inches, or 114% of average. The Upper Yakima Basin Snotel Sites are reporting 35% of average. The Lower Yakima Basin Snotel Sites are reporting 47% of average. The next River Operations Meeting will be March 5, 2026. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Yakima Field Office Manager Chad Stuart stated that the current weather is tracking closely with the 2015 water year. Reclamation is warning irrigators to prepare for a significant drought unless there is a substantial amount of snow received in the upcoming months. There have also been discussions regarding the potential to raise the Cle Elum Pool Raise.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that a maintenance crew is continuing to clear undershots on Ride 4, another crew has been building measuring devices on Ride 1, there are backhoes working on Rides 4 and 1, and personnel in the shop doing winter vehicle maintenance.

Secretary Manager's Activity: The Springwood drilling and geotechnical work has been submitted to Ecology for Phase II. Mr. Eberhart will continue to work to obtain further

funding to continue the project. There is also a groundwater recharge project at Taneum. Director Haberman said that he was approached by a landowner asking if KRD was cleaning out a pond at the Springwood Ranch. Mr. Eberhart said that the KRD did agree to assist with the pond clearing as part of the overall Springwood Project.

Tom Tebb continued the facilitated discussions at the Department of Ecology for the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Department of Ecology and water right holders. The Yakima Basin Joint Board has agreed to cover the cost of the next two meetings. In general, operations of the system are expected to remain the same.

Mr. Eberhart participated in a discussion to streamline the NEPA process. The suggestions are currently awaiting approval with Reclamation.

On January 12, 2026 there was a Swauk Creek Project Coordination Meeting. A site visit took place on February 3, 2026. Ryan Lefler is the new project manager for Trout Unlimited for this project.

Mr. Eberhart gave a presentation to the GS Long Company on January 22, 2026 on the Springwood Project and the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

On January 28 & 29, 2026, Mr. Eberhart attended the Columbia Basin Collaborative Integration / Recommendation Group Meetings. Recently there have been several public meetings regarding the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

Director Bland made a motion to approve the travel for Mr. Eberhart to attend the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Meetings in Washington D.C. in March 2026. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The KRD2022-PS-01.06.1 Exhibit C_SB9.9 Piping Project was presented to the Board. Director Bland made a motion to amend the contract increasing funding to \$290,000.00 for 100% of the design work. A second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve KRD2022-PS-01.11.02 Exhibit C which amended the value to \$655,429.00. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The KRD2022-PS-01.03.3_UYSS_Amd_03_Springwood Exhibit C was presented to the Board. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the amended value to \$1,930,000.00. A second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: N.A. Degerstrom has completed the subgrade and excavation on the North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5. The main turnouts have been installed, and gravel is in the process of being laid at this time. The liner is scheduled to start installation the week of February 23, 2026.

Granite Construction has begun the pipe installation on the South Branch 12.8 to 13.6 Piping Project. They are also preparing a cost estimate for additional work to see if they would be available for an additional reach.

There will be a meeting to discuss the Easton Well Drilling Project on February 17, 2026.

The ground preparation for the Easton Bull Trout Facility Project is expected to begin when weather allows. Currently, the building permit is in the final stages of completion.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the January 2026 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 50080 - 50137 direct deposit numbers 9903426 through 9903445 in the sum of \$1,167,053.33 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The current 2025 Foreclosure List was presented to the Board with one remaining account. Legal Counsel Slothower recommended that the board continue with the lawsuit to foreclose. The Board agreed.

Assistant Manager Vickers discussed the changes made to the Policy Manual Updates Draft. There was a suggestion to include the safety manual into the policy manual which will be done before the process is completed.

New Business: Director Bland made a motion to approve the payment for Yakima River Basin Coalition in the amount of \$32,638.10. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Yakima Basin Joint Board Invoice in the amount \$43,000.00 was presented to the Board. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the payment for the Yakima Basin Joint Board. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to pay the 2026 Washington State Water Resource Association (WSWRA) Dues in the amount of \$28,186.72. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. for 20 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii) there was a motion made by Director Swanson and a

second made by Director Hansen. Executive Session was extended for an additional 5 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 11:13 a.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen and the second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Swanson made a motion to deny the request for a new turnout for Allen Sullivan. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The Board directed a letter be drafted and mailed to the landowner with a septic pipe buried under the canal to contact the Reclamation to obtain permission for it to remain in operation.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Haberman KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager