

- **Office of the Secretary Manager**
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 2025 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on February 11, 2025 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 Lands Clerk & RRA Specialist Sara Vickers and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. Also in attendance were KRD Landowners Dave McDaniels, Jennifer Patteson and Mark Charlton.

KRD Chairman Schnebly called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session for reasons consistent with 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 January 7, 2025 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Dave McDaniel thanked the Board for all the work they do.

Jennifer Patteson wanted the Board to be aware of a development that is proposed to be in the Parke Creek area. The development would include a motorcross track and multiple RV spots as well as some houses. Ms. Patteson was concerned for safety hazard of the canal in the area and inquired if KRD had sent a letter of opposition into the County. The KRD had submitted remarks to the County.

Water Master Report: As of February 10, 2025 the five reservoirs are at 19% capacity which is 33.1% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs from February 1 to date 2.70 inches, or 33% of average and 10% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year is 98.60 inches, or 68% of average. The Snotel sites for the Upper Yakima Basin are reporting at 84% of average and the Naches Basin sites are at 95% of average.

Mr. Eberhart presented a document prepared by Roza Irrigation District Consultant Chris Lynch which provided an estimate of flows based on different levels of precipitation. This estimate included the carry-over storage and the amount of snow

received to date. In summary, it provides a range of proration levels based on precipitation levels.

Maintenance Report: A Crew has been replacing drain hose clamps and 600 feet of sacrificial anode ribbon inside the Easton Dam drum gate chamber. The work at the dam should be complete by the end of this week. Maintenance Crews are continuing to work on vehicle maintenance at the Kittitas Shop. Another maintenance crew has been clearing right-of-way in the Upper County. New flooring has been installed and interior painting is continuing on the Pumping Plant House. One excavator has been cleaning the South Branch Canal from Swede Tunnel to Joe Watt Canyon. The inspection is complete on the Pumping Plant Pipeline. There were numerous points identified as compromised welds. KRD crews will be rewelding and sealing those points as needed. Ultrasonic testing shows the pipeline itself to be in good condition with the exception of the welds which will be addressed.

Director Haberman asked if the bearings on the lateral gates at the Easton Dam are checked annually. Field Supervisor Main confirmed that this is part of the annual inspection and repairs or replacement is done as needed.

Secretary Manager's Activity: The System Operations Advisory Committee Facilitated Discussions are continuing. The group has shifted into discussing the 2025 spring smolt migration rather than attempting to plan for the next 10 years.

Mr. Eberhart virtually attended the Tri State Meeting in Boise, ID on January 31, 2025.

Trespass letters to the landowners living in the area of the Cle Elum Siphon were mailed. It does not appear that there have been recreational use of the access road in that area since.

KRD submitted a letter of support for "Fix Our Forests Act". An informational flyer was provided to the Board.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 – WaterSmart – 24 & 25 Projects. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Change Order PS-06-10.1 Amendment 1 Cle Elum Pool Raise Cultural Resources Monitoring Support was provided to the Board. This change order amendment provides an updated schedule and budget for Task Order 10. The KRD is reimbursed for this work through the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Director Hansen made a motion to approve Change Order PS-0610.1 with the not-to-

exceed value of \$169,054. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve the amendment which provides a scope of work and budget under Task 01 of Contract KRD2022-PS01 with a maximum contract price of \$200,000.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The KRD2022-PS-06.01_Am3_Exhibit C Change Order_2025.02.04 Easton Research and Recovery Facility was provided to the Board. At this point the design work is approximately 90% complete and the change order provides the funding necessary to complete the remaining portion of the design. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Change order with a not-to-exceed amount of \$613,500.00. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart will be on a trip to Washington DC during the first week of March and asked if the Board would consider rescheduling the March Board Meeting to March 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM. A motion was made to change the Board Meeting to March 11, 2025 by Director Bland. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen mentioned that there is a bill expected to be presented for a project on the Snake River. He asked that the Directors be aware of it and encouraged the support for the bill.

Project Updates: The North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 project is progressing on schedule. The construction crews took the week off due to the cold weather. The final 3,500 feet is ready for the geomembrane and the concrete work will resume next week.

All the pipe and control structures are installed on the South Branch Piping Milepost 12.4-12.8 Project. Corridor Construction will return after the ground thaws to finish the final grading and clean-up.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the January 2025 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 49073 - 49136 direct deposit numbers 9903160 through 9903176 in the sum of \$4,149,169.43 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

New Business: Director Haberman made a motion to approve the destruction of records according to the provisions of WAC 434.640. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Yakima River Basin Coalition invoice was presented to the Board. Director Bland made a motion to pay \$32,638.10. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to pay the Yakima Basin Joint Board invoice in the amount of \$43,000.00. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:30 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. Executive Session was extended an additional 10 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:00 pm 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