

**Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
January 6, 2026 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on January 6, 2026 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, Assistant Manager Sara Vickers, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. KRD Landowner Mark Charlton was also present.

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

Mr. Eberhart presented the Certificate of Election and Oath documents for Division Two Director, Sherry Swanson.

A motion was made by Director Schnebly to appoint Director Haberman as the Board Chairman. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to retain Director Hansen as the Vice Chairman for 2026. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve the Appointment of Secretary-Manager Urban Eberhart. A second was made by Director Bland, 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 9, 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: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: As of January 5, 2026 the five reservoirs were at 63% capacity which is 135.2% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for January 1 to date is 4.45 inches, or 87% of average and 11% of the months average. Precipitation for the

water year is 145.11 inches, or 144% of average. The Upper Yakima Basin Snotel Sites are reporting 46% of average. The Lower Yakima Basin Snotel Sites are reporting 55% of average. Mr. Eberhart provided a brief report from KRD Consultant Chris Lynch who gave an estimate for upcoming water season.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that two employees are working in the shop doing vehicle maintenance, there is a crew cleaning undershots, one excavator is working on the Main Branch and one excavator is working on Ride 4. A crew is placing trash racks at each undershot and county road intersection after they are cleaned. A burn crew is working on the North Branch and replacing structures. The Springwood Geotech Project is requiring a large capacity water truck and was going to need to be rented. A 3,000 gallon water truck was purchased through the State Bid Auction. The water truck value will be able to be billed out to the grant at a monthly rate.

Last year there was an employment interview that took place for a shop mechanic. The applicant declined the position due to proposed wages. Since the wage scale was rewritten in the last budget process, the applicant was recontacted and accepted the position. He will start employment with KRD in February.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Phase II of Geotech is being submitted to Department of Ecology for the Springwood Site. This will allow for more than \$6 Million of feasibility work to be done in 2026.

Tom Tebb continued the facilitated discussion at the Department of Ecology for the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Department of Ecology and water right holders.

Trout Unlimited will be handling the design work for Swauk Creek. The next meeting is on January 12, 2026 where they will introduce the new program manager.

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

Director Hansen made a motion to allow Mr. Eberhart to travel to the Columbia Basin Collaborative Integration/Recommendations Group Meeting in Portland, Oregon in January 2026. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Change Order PS-06.04.1_4.0 Manastash Creek Groundwater Storage was presented to the Board. The amendment increased the monitoring expense by \$6,048. Director Bland made a motion to approve Change Order PS-06.04.1. A second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

Kittitas County Historical Museum is updating the agricultural exhibit and would like to incorporate a 100-year celebration for the construction of the KRD canal system. The Board agreed that the KRD would like to participate in the event and will work with the museum to collaborate further.

Project Updates: N.A. Degerstrom will begin work on the North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 in January.

Granite Construction will be providing a construction schedule at the upcoming meeting for the South Branch 12.8 to South Branch 13.6 Project. They have begun surveying and the equipment mobilization is expected in the next week.

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.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the December 2025 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 49970 - 50079 direct deposit numbers 9903402 through 9903422 in the sum of \$1,000,081.86 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 reported that the Certificate of Delinquency was published in the newspaper in December. The Foreclosure process is continuing on one property.

New Business: Director Swanson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-1 which details the assessment levy rate for 2026. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to pay the Family Farm Alliance Annual Contribution for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$6,546.32. A second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

The 2026 Reclamation Operation and Maintenance invoice was presented to the Board. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the payment of the 2026 1st installment payment of \$299,500.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion for a customer request to change the turnout for a piece of property on Manastash Rd which currently has a turnout that is no longer able to get water delivered through the Jensen Ditch. The request is to use a previously abandoned turnout on another side of the property. If the request is permitted by the Board, the landowner plans to share the turnout with a neighbor through a pipeline that will be installed. There was further information needed before the Board could make a decision on this issue, so Director Hansen made a motion to table the request until the next Board Meeting. A second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve the destruction of records for the 2015 records. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Manager Vickers presented the Policy Manual Updates Draft. The Board was asked to review the changes and additions before the February Board Meeting.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:46 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Schnebly. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:01 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen and the second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Haberman KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager