

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2023 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on October 3, 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, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowner Paul Hutchinson.

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

The minutes for the September 11, 2023, Board Meeting were approved as corrected with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Landowner Paul Hutchinson addressed the Board about the letter he received in response from the last board meeting. Mr. Hutchinson said that he appreciated the response and didn't have any problems with it. Future orders were directed to be placed with the KRD Office Staff for recording purposes. Field Supervisor Main mentioned that the weir is a shared weir and Mr. Hutchinson will need to work with his neighbor to ensure that the water is being distributed correctly once it leaves the weir.

Water Master Report: As of October 3, 2023 the five reservoirs are at 12% capacity and the storage at 40.7% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for October 1 to date is .60 inches, or 53% of average and 3% of the months average. After the USBR went through water allocation, the KRD was given 36% of the entitled water which allows the canal to operate through October 15, 2023. Tributary Supplementation is continuing for Tanuem, Manastash, Big, Little, and Tucker Creeks.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that maintenance crews are continuing the spraying and mowing programs. The rope facility is being

moved to the Kittitas Shop. The permit was granted for the fence at the Kittitas Shop, the materials are backordered 3-5 weeks. One backhoe is working on Ride 5, cleaning spoils and doing road maintenance. Another backhoe is working on the South Branch. The excavator is beginning work on the Taneum Ditch.

Secretary Manager's Activity: The Family Farm Alliance Tour on September 13, 2023 was well attended with a collaborative meeting and informative tour.

The KRD assisted Roza Irrigation and Fish and Wildlife on the Temporary Fish Passage Flume at Box Canyon on September 21, 2023. By having all the agencies work together brought this project to a level of professionalism that it has never seen before. The project traditionally takes several days and is predominantly manual labor. This year the project was completed in less than a day with the use of extra manpower and equipment.

Mr. Eberhart virtually attended the Tri-State Meeting in Boise on September 22, 2023.

During the week of September 25, 2023, Mr. Eberhart attended the Family Farm Alliance Meetings in Washington D.C. There were multiple meetings that he attended on behalf of the KRD.

KRD Consultant Walter Larrick presented at the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) Washington Annual Conference in Seattle on September 28, 2023. The emphasis of the presentation was the conservation of streams projects that the KRD has been utilizing.

Mr. Eberhart will be presenting on October 4, 2023 for the House and Senate Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee Tour.

On October 9, 2023, Mr. Eberhart will attend the Ruckelshaus Circle Luncheon in Seattle, WA.

Mr. Eberhart will be presenting at the United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage Meeting in Fort Collins, CO on October 17-20, 2023.

There will be a KRD/Roza Irrigation District Joint Board Meeting on October 23, 2023. The focus of the meeting will be predominantly on drought topics.

The Yakima Basin Drought Discussion is scheduled for October 25, 2023. Roza Irrigation District, KRD and the Yakima Nation will meet with the Department of Ecology (DOE) staff and leadership to help with preparations for winter and possible drought issues.

The Teanaway Community Forest 10 Year Celebration is scheduled on October 28, 2023.

The Office of the Washington State Climatologist asked Mr. Eberhart to present at the Oregon / Washington 2023 Water Year Meeting on November 1, 2023.

The Washington State Water Resource Association (WSWRA) Annual Conference will be held in Spokane, WA on November 29-December 1, 2023. The directors will be checking availability to see if they can attend. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the travel for Mr. Eberhart and the available staff to attend the conference. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve the Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) GIS Clearinghouse amendment to extend the deadline. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: A project schedule for the South Branch Canal Improvements SB 10.85 to SB 11.7 was included in the board packet. The Invitation to Bid is scheduled for October 6, 2023.

The start-up date for the North Branch NBC 30.3-31.5 is scheduled for October 30, 2023.

The Invitation to Bid for the North Branch Canal Lining Project, Stevens Rd to Vantage Hwy is scheduled for November 1, 2023. The environmental review, historic and cultural work is complete.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the September 2023 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 47662 - 47750 direct deposit numbers 9902810 through 9902827 in the sum of \$411,226.34 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously. Haberman, Bland

Old Business: The Heritage Bank Investment Account was transferred from the Ellensburg branch location to Yakima due to the Ellensburg Branch being sold to another financial institution. Legal Counsel Slothower reported that in the process of researching this, there is a state statute that ensures that public funds will be covered by state funding as long as the funds are retained in an approved financial institution. Heritage Bank is included on the approved financial institutions.

Directors Haberman and Swanson agreed to be on the selection committee for the Qualified Environmental Consulting Services Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The committee evaluated all 5 firms that responded to the RFQ. The results of the committee were included in the board packet. Hayley and Aldridge were selected from the applicants. The Board provided direction to contact Hayley and Aldridge to continue the process.

Other Business: Environmental Protection Act (EPA) Regional Administer for Region 10, Casey Sixkiller, along with other EPA employees and Mr. Eberhart have a meeting scheduled on October 3, 2023 in Yakima, WA.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:38 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 Swanson and a second made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously. Extended 10 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:03 pm. 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