

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
December 6, 2022 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on December 6, 2022 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, Construction Supervisor Robby Main, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. Also in attendance was the Acting Yakima Field Office Manager, Teresa Hauser.

Director Hansen made a motion to open the Board of Equalization for the duration of the board meeting. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously. The audience was polled to determine if there was anyone who was requesting equalization, which there was not.

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 Haberman and a second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the board will take action after the executive session.

The minutes for the November 8, 2022, Board Meeting were approved as amended with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Teresa Hauser, Acting Yakima Field Office Manager introduced herself to the Board and explained the restructure of employees at the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Yakima Field Office. There was a brief overview of current projects and financial responsibilities.

Water Master Report: As of December 6, 2022 the five reservoirs are at 39% capacity and the storage at 94.4% of average. Precipitation for the five reservoirs from December 1 to date is 1.8 inches which is 30% of average and 5% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year to date is 54.11 inches which is 84% of average. Tributary Supplementation is operating at 22 cfs for Tucker Creek and Little Creek.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that the excavator which was working in the Reecer Creek area is currently out of service. The repair is expected to be complete in the next couple of days. The second excavator just finished the Westside Irrigating Company ditch. There are 12 headgates remaining to be repaired and reinstalled by next week. The Rope Crew is currently working in the Yakima Siphon. There is some debris and fallen timber that needs to be removed. The material will be removed from the outlet end, rather than bringing it up the vertical shaft. There is one backhoe that is out of service.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: Mr. Eberhart reported that the contractor for the insurance company had sent an email requesting the KRD sign-off on the completion of the Ellensburg Shop repairs. Once a walkthrough is done and the roof hatch has been replaced the project is expected to be complete.

Director Hansen and Director Haberman attended the Washington State Water Resources Association (WSWRA) Annual Meeting with Mr. Eberhart in Spokane, WA during the week of November 30, 2022. Director Hansen relayed that he felt it was a very productive meeting with a strong attendance from various agencies.

Monthly discussions are occurring with the Water Supply Technical Work Group.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II Task Authorization 03 Not to exceed \$900,000.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) group is working towards an on the ground MAR pilot retest next year through the ground water committee from the Department of Ecology (DOE). The group is working through the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) to get more measuring devices.

The Easton Bull Trout Research Facility Project Proponents met with the Yakama Nation Cultural staff last month. There has been considerable work done by the Yakama Nation in the area proposed for the research facility. The group is collaborating to determine the best pathway forward to conduct the cultural study for the project.

The FY23 Appropriations Requests are in place, and we are waiting for the federal budget to be approved.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the KRD Office Closure from December 21-27, 2022. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: The KRD has been working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding a safety fence in the general area of Stevens Rd to I-90. After a lengthy discussion of the project, it was determined that the Department of Fish and Wildlife will provide the funding for the materials and the grant will pay for the installation. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the North Branch Project No. 33-NBC-1005 Safety Fence and KRD 2022-PS-01.02.0 Project Management Not to Exceed (NTE) \$94,000.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The Bid Tabs for the North Branch Canal Improvements that closed on November 18, 2022 were provided. Director Haberman made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent 33-NBC-1005. A second was made by Director Hanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to allow Mr. Eberhart the Authorization to Award subject to legal counsel review. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the November 2022 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 46791 - 46871, direct deposit numbers 9902577 through 9902597 in the sum of \$593,156.56 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: After several discussions with the USBR, Legal Counsel Slothower and Mr. Eberhart signed a letter of agreement for the USBR Contract for Repayment of the Kachess Dam Safety of Dam Modification Costs. The letter was then sent to the Boise, ID USBR office.

New Business: Director Bland made a motion to have Director Hansen and Director Swanson represent the KRD for the Kittitas County Joint Control Board #1 in the 2023 calendar year. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to set the KRD Budget Meeting for December 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the 2023 Meeting Dates Resolution 2022-03. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:48 p.m. for 10 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:58 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen, and the second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to close the Board of Equalization Resolution 2022-04. A 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