

**Office of the Secretary Manager**  
**Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 14, 2022 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on October 14, 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 Five Director Brad Haberman, Division Four Director Bart Bland, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Construction Supervisor Robby Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowners Mark Charlton, Trent Ward and Clifford Specht.

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.

The minutes for the September 13, 2022, Board Meeting were approved as amended with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Mark Charlton expressed his gratitude for a great water year.

Mr. Clifford Specht addressed the board and requested a fence along the canal in the Sun Light Waters Development. Mr. Specht lives adjacent to the canal and is concerned about the possibility of animals and people falling into the water. He requested that the board consider constructing a cyclone fence along the canal. The board directed management to respond to Mr. Specht in writing.

Water Master Report: As of October 14, 2022 the five reservoirs are at 35% capacity and the storage at 129.5% of average. There was no measurable precipitation at the five reservoirs from October 1 through October 14. Water will continue to be ramped down through the weekend and the fish water flow will be set next week. Tributary Supplementation will continue in Tucker Creek, Big Creek, Little Creek, Taneum Creek and Manastash Creek.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that maintenance crews are wrapping up the fall spraying, dewatering the system, and working on bridge

maintenance. Director Schnebly noted that he thought the water season was handled very well.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: The Covid restrictions have been lifted. Mr. Eberhart encouraged staff to be cautious and take appropriate action to stay healthy in the upcoming months.

Field Supervisor Main reported that the insurance company contractor has installed the roof flashing on the Ellensburg Shop. There is some additional clean up and roof work that needs to be done.

Mr. Eberhart participated virtually in the Tri State Meeting on September 15, 2022.

On September 16, 2022, Mr. Eberhart participated in a panel presentation to the AgForestry class on the Yakima Basin Integrate Plan which was held in Sunnyside, WA.

Yakama Nation Paul Ward and Mr. Eberhart gave a presentation on Collaborative Governance and the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP) to the University of Washington Evans Executive Master's Public Administration (MPA) on September 18, 2022.

Washington State Senator Mullet, YBIP Partners and members of The Nature Conservancy toured the Cle Elum Ridge, Cle Elum Fish Passage, Taneum MAR and the Springwood Site on September 23, 2022.

Mr. Eberhart attended the Family Farm Alliance Meeting in Washington D.C. September 26-28, 2022.

On September 29, 2022, Mr. Eberhart and KRD Consultant Joel Hubble presented to a Tour Group at the Little Creek Supplementation Site.

KRD Consultant Walter Larrick provided a tour to the Yakima Basin Joint Board on September 29, 2022.

Mr. Eberhart presented at the International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage Districts Workshop in Australia October 3-10, 2022. The workshop was attended by people internationally who were very interested in the work that is being done in the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

Legal Counsel Slothower represented KRD in the Kachess Safety of Dams Repayment Discussions on October 3 and 6, 2022. After a letter was submitted on behalf of the Joint Control Board, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) responded by saying they will not change the way the percentage calculations are being computed. The USBR did agree to reconsider the verbiage regarding indemnifying their work. The allocation to the KRD for the project is estimated to be approximately \$1.5 Million which will be due over the duration of the project.

KRD Consultant Joel Hubble, Field Supervisor Main and KRD Lands Clerk/RRA Specialist provided a tour of the Springwood Site to USBR Regional and D.C. Leadership on October 4, 2022. Jacobs Engineering provided a graphic showing the Easton Diversion and the KRD system connection to Springwood.

The Water Marketing Report is complete and is available upon request.

Discussions are continuing with the Water Supply Technical Work Group which is working on identifying storage opportunities throughout the Yakima Basin.

The KRD has received \$1.6 Million for the Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II Project to continue the scoping and feasibility studies for the Springwood Site. The cost of construction will depend upon the results of the feasibility studies.

In preparation for the Taneum Creek Pilot Test, Field Supervisor Main plans to construct a diversion at the Taneum Shoot which will be delayed until the supplementation water is off.

The KRD has started conversation with the various entities involved in the Easton Bull Trout Facility to work out logistics. Coordination is being done with the Washington State Parks Service to have a pump test done on their well to determine water availability.

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

Project Updates: There is funding available to be used for construction on the North Branch Canal near Stevens Rd and will work toward I-90. The project is set up to continue further when the additional funding is made available.

The South Branch Phase I Canal Lining Reach 4 and 5 are complete. The subcontractors have submitted their affidavits and Assistant Manager Eslinger will file the completion as soon as possible.

The bid request for the North Branch Above Johnson will be published in the Daily Record and the Yakima Herald next week.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the September 2022 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 46621 - 46708, direct deposit numbers 9902527 through 9902547 in the sum of \$464,623.99 were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: The board took the time to discuss the request for the fence in Sun Light Waters. It was recognized that the area is a safety concern and staff is handing out written warnings to people. The area is signed and the gates are locked at all times. The board felt that the due diligence was being done at the present from the KRD and requested that Management ask Mr. Specht to contact the Sun Light Waters Home Owners Association (HOA) to consider constructing a fence in the area.

The KRD and the USBR have amended the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Agreement #R22MA13726 that was originally established in 1989.

Director Bland made a motion to move the upcoming board meeting to November 8, 2022. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. for 20 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 Haberman. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:15 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen, and the second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

All business having been concluded the meeting was adjourned.

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Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

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Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager