

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
March 7, 2023 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on March 7, 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, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. Also present were KRD Landowners Dave McDaniel and David Sadowski.

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):(i) and (iii). The motion was made by Director Haberman. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the February 7, 2023, Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment noted.

Water Master Report: As of March 7, 2023 the five reservoirs are at 49% capacity and the storage at 81.8% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for March 1 to date is 4.05 inches, or 100% of average and 19% of the months average. We are running 74% of average for water year overall. The Snotel sites for the Upper Yakima Basin are reporting 97% of average and the Naches Basin sites are at 87% of average.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported one backhoe is working on Lateral 22.0 on No. 81 Rd. There are two backhoes that are out of service. One excavator is working on the North Branch Lateral 15.2 and the second is starting the North Branch Lateral 4.1. The maintenance crews are prepping for lateral burning, weather permitting starting Monday. There are also employees working on the repair of 5 hydro-screens for the 13.6 and 13.8 diversions on the South Branch.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: An engineering firm provided an estimate for the environmental work for the Ellensburg Property. Further review is necessary to determine if the estimate encompasses the scope of work needed for the project. The board will be updated as further updates are available.

The Leadership Kittitas County Presentation was held on February 10, 2023.

On February 15, 2023 Mr. Eberhart participated in the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Briefing for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Yakama Nation Fisheries, Michael Porter, Washington State Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) Mike Livingston and Mr. Eberhart presented for the Leadership Tri Cities on February 15, 2023.

Mr. Eberhart participated in a briefing on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan for the Bureau of Land Management on February 16, 2023.

Director Haberman, Director Hansen and Mr. Eberhart attended the Family Farm Alliance Conference in Reno, NV during the week of February 20, 2023.

Mr. Eberhart attended the Denver, Colorado Upper Yakima System Storage Meetings virtually February 28, 2023 – March 3, 2023. David Allison from Jacobs Engineering took the lead for the engineering portion of the meetings.

Family Farm Alliance Executive Director Dan Keppen provided written testimony to the House Water Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee on March 6, 2023. Kittitas Reclamation District was noted in the testimony.

Mr. Eberhart will be presenting on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan and Upper Yakima System Storage-Springwood during his Washington D.C. Meetings on March 27-31, 2023.

Director Hansen made a motion for Mr. Eberhart to travel to Boise, ID to attend meetings on April 25-28, 2023. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge is continuing with the Taneum Creek Pilot Test scheduled for this year.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve the Task Order for Managed Aquifer Recharge. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart reported that the KRD has submitted requests for \$2.69 Million of funding through Senator Murray.

Mr. Eberhart attended the Habitat Meeting and supported the Trust for Public Land request for \$500,000 of funds for Springwood.

Yakama Nation Paul Ward and Mr. Eberhart presented at Seattle University on March 2, 2023.

Director Hansen reported that Mr. Eberhart was nominated for the Chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Family Farm Alliance.

Project Updates: Director Bland made a motion to approve Change Order #3 for the North Branch No. 33-NBC-1005. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the February 2023 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 47039 - 47110 direct deposit numbers 9902645 through 9902660 in the sum of \$622,778.57 were approved with a motion made by Director Haberman. The second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Director Hansen reported that he met with EMRGY Hydropower at the Family Farm Alliance Conference. An information packet was provided to the board to consider. Further conversations will need to take place before a decision is made. Director Hansen suggested that EMRGY provide a firm bid of their proposal. Assistant Manager Eslinger was given permission to provide EMRGY build designs. Legal Counsel Slothower advised that if the project was part of a transferred works, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) would need to be part of the process as well.

There was a meeting with various KRD employees, Public Works Director Mark Cook, and County Commissioner Wright regarding the North Branch 8.3 Farmer Bridge. The group is collaborating on using the bridge as a test case to partner

together on bridge rating. A modified license agreement would allow the county to do invasive testing on the bridge to see if it could be repaired.

New Business: The list for Destruction of Equipment was presented to the board. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Destruction of Equipment. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Legal Counsel Slothower reported that Sunlight Waters is requesting temporary alternative access during the April 2024 bridge repair work. The work will consist of complete removal of the bridge deck while the repair work is being done. The requested access is off of Horlick Rd which has limited access for oversize vehicles. The alternative access for the area would be through Horseshoe Canyon. The directors asked for photos of the area or a site visit before they discuss the request further.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve the WaterSmart KRD Resolution 2023-02. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart reported that the KRD would be employing some temporary workers to assist with the water start-up process. Director Bland made a motion to increase the temporary employee wage to \$17.50. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:32 p.m. for 30 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) and (iii) there was a motion made by Director Bland and a second made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session was extended an additional 15 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:17 p.m. 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