

**Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
August 12, 2025 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on August 12, 2025 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 and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower.

KRD Chairman Schnebly called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session for reasons consistent with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii). The motion was made by Director Haberman. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the July 8, 2025 Board Meeting and August 1, 2025 Special 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 August 12, 2025 the five reservoirs are at 31% capacity which is 51.1% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for August 1 to date is 1.05 inches, or 94% of average and 33% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year is 168.08 inches, or 77% of average. The system went on pro-rationing on May 20, 2025. The current pro-ration rate 40% and storage control went into effect on June 5, 2025. The canal is currently running at 98 cfs. The water delivery shut off date will be August 13, 2025.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that the spraying and mowing programs are continuing. There is an emphasis in the Badger Pocket Area to spray the Bull Thistle. There are maintenance crews replacing the walk planks throughout the system. The 1974 Peterbilt was sold via surplus auction.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Belsaas and Smith has begun work on the 1146 Project. The forms have been stripped, backfilling began today, and the drain should be installed by the end of the week. The rope crew will be used after Belsaas and Smith is finished to do some patching which is expected to take 3 to 4

days and then the system will be operational. KRD is continuing to work with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and federal sources to obtain funding for a permanent fix.

The Springwood project is on schedule. A categorical exclusion is expected to come in from the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). The test drilling is scheduled to begin on September 15, 2025.

Director Hansen and Mr. Eberhart attended the Alliance Leadership Meeting in Boise, ID on August 6, 2025. The meeting was well attended and was a beneficial meeting.

On September 12, 2025 Reclamation Acting Regional Director Roland Springer and HDR Engineering Heather Baxter will be touring Springwood and the 1146 Project.

Director Haberman made a motion to allow travel for Director Hansen and Mr. Eberhart to attend the Family Farm Alliance Meetings in Washington D.C. during the week of September 14, 2025. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion for Director Hansen, Director Haberman and Mr. Eberhart to attend the Family Farm Alliance Conference October 29-31, 2025. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Easton Bull Trout Change Order _PS-06.01_Am4_Exhibit C was presented to the Board. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the change order which increased the engineering cap by \$220,000. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve the North Branch Pump Lateral _PS-01.07.02 Exhibit C change order which allowed a time extension to December 2027. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: N. A. Degerstrom will begin mobilization for the North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 the first part of November.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve South Branch 12.4 to 12.8 Piping Project – Change Order #1 which decreased the cost of the project by \$345,000. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Easton Bull Trout Facility and Drilling Invitations to Bid were presented to the Board as a draft. After discussion, Director Hansen made a motion to allow permission for Mr. Eberhart to proceed with both bids after legal and administrative review on behalf of the Board. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the Invitation to Bid for the South Branch 12.8 to 13.8. 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 July 2025 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 49558 - 49643 direct deposit numbers 9903292 through 9903310 in the sum of \$636,065.64 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Updated wage comparisons for maintenance positions were provided to the Board and after a brief discussion, it was requested that a budget comparison for the proposed wages be provided at the upcoming board meeting, as well as the income provided in 2024 by equipment rentals.

Old Business: The current 2025 Foreclosure List was presented to the Board with two remaining accounts. Legal counsel Slothower reported that certified letters have been sent to the landowners and they had 30 days to respond before a certificate of delinquency is filed.

The Washington State Auditor's Office is concluding the 2024 Financial Audit. The exit meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Legal Counsel Slothower and Treasurer Berg have been researching the new election laws. It was determined that the KRD can continue to operate elections as they have in the past if it is an uncontested position. If two or more candidates are running for the same position, the KRD office can be the polling location with disinterested poll workers on hand. The Washington State Water Resources Association is drafting a policy which the KRD will review once it is complete. It was recommended that the KRD not utilize mail in ballots due to the exponential cost that would accrue from the election.

New Business: Director Hansen made a motion to pay the United State Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Safety of Dams FY2025 Invoice in the amount of \$42,460.00. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:51 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 Bland. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:06 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.

Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager