

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 2026 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on April 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Attending the meeting, were Division Five Director and Chairman Brad Haberman, Division One Director and Vice Chairman Mark Hansen, Division Three Director Fred Schnebly, Division Two Director Sherry Swanson, Division Four Director Bart Bland, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Assistant Manager Sara Vickers, Treasurer Stacy Berg and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. KRD Landowners Isaac Wright, Ronald Oja and Paul Hutchinson were also present.

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

The minutes for the March 3, 2026, Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Schnebly. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: KRD Landowner Ronald Oja explained that he recently foreclosed on a home that he was holding a private contract on. In the process of obtaining the property the KRD assessments were delinquent as well. Mr. Oja asked the Board to consider forgiving the delinquent assessments that were accrued with the prior owner. The Board told Mr. Oja that they would discuss the matter and respond to him directly at a later time.

Water Master Report: As of April 7, 2026 the five reservoirs were at 93% capacity which is 137.6% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for April 1 to date is 1.19 inches or 43% of average and 8.7% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year is 224.09 inches, or 121% of average. The Upper Yakima Basin Snotel Sites are reporting 32% of average. The Lower Yakima Basin Snotel Sites are reporting 57% of average. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) River Operations Meeting is April 9, 2026.

Field Supervisor Main reported that the canal system has started charging and Ditchriders will begin taking calls on April 13, 2026. Director Hansen made a motion to set the turn on date for April 20, 2026. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to set the allotment at 1.00 cfs per acre. A second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance crews are continuing to burn ditches, closing drains, placing safety ropes and removing fences that are crossing the North Branch. The turbines are ready at the pumping plant. There is a backhoe in the Wilson Creek area, one backhoe in the area of Whipple and one backhoe in the Badger Pocket Area.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Mr. Eberhart reported that approximately \$7 million of additional funding was received for the Springwood Geotech Project. The KRD is simultaneously working on acquiring approximately \$9.5 million in federal funding to further the project.

Several staff members recently met with the current landowners for the Springwood Property to discuss irrigation systems and maintenance issues for the property that would allow the property owners to utilize irrigation for the property.

The Tributary Supplementation Meeting on March 13, 2026 was well attended. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) reported on the progress for the prior year and plans for the upcoming year. There was also a report on the Swauk Creek Project that Trout Unlimited is working on.

Mr. Eberhart reported on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Washington D.C. Trip that he attended March 16-20, 2026. There were multiple meetings with various senators and congressional members and their staff. There continues to be a good working relationship with various offices to support the work of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

Roza Irrigation Manager Scott Revell and Mr. Eberhart provided a presentation to the Rotary Club at the Columbia Center on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan on March 26, 2026.

Mr. Eberhart is providing a presentation to the Kittitas County Farm Bureau on April 7, 2026.

The Reconnection of Chamna: Restoring the Yakima River Delta is having a causeway removal ceremony on April 24, 2026. There will be several staff members and directors that plan to attend.

Director Bland made a motion to allow the travel for Mr. Eberhart to attend the Family Farm Alliance Board Retreat on July 21-24, 2026 in Cheyenne, WY as an advisory committee member. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The current United States Presidents Budget was provided to the Board. The House and Senate will continue to work on the final budget. The KRD will monitor the status of the various programs pertaining to the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan.

Director Swanson made a motion to allow the travel for Mr. Eberhart to attend the Columbia Basin Collaborative Meetings in Spokane, WA on May 27-28, 2026. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: N.A. Degerstrom has finished the concrete sealing on the North Branch Project. They will finish the grading and fencing to complete the project.

Granite Construction is finishing the final grading and cleanup to substantially complete the South Branch Project.

The drilling company is ready to start work on the Easton Well Drilling Project as soon as State Parks gives the final approval. The permitting process is currently in the Parks Department process. The KRD will continue to work with the various departments to facilitate the progress of this project.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the March 2026 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 50210 - 50293 direct deposit numbers 9903468 through 9903488 in the sum of \$3,339,911.93 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The remaining account on the 2025 Foreclosure List was paid in full and no further action will be taken on this account.

Assistant Manager Vickers is continuing to work with various agencies for the KRD Beginning of Construction 100 Year Celebration of July 11, 1926. Currently there are preparations for a museum presentation and public tours. The Board is very supportive of the celebration and looks forward to supporting the cause.

Legal Counsel Slothower provided an overview of the changes to the Policies and Procedures Updates. Director Hansen made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 Adoption of Policies and Procedures Updates. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: The Kittitas County Water Purveyors Customer Agreements were presented to the Board for signatures.

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Yakima Field Office is currently very short staffed. After a recent meeting, it was brought to the KRD's attention that the Yakima Field Office Staff are finding it difficult to procure and service the Helix Fish Passage with limited staffing. After discussing the problem, the Board agreed to purchase the specialty filters and work with USBR to get reimbursed. Director Hansen made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 Sole Source for the purchase of the specialty filters in the Helix Fish Passage for the approximate cost of \$25,000.00. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. for 35 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii) there was a motion made by Director Swanson and a second made by Director Schnebly. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:30 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen and the second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Haberman KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager