

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
March 3, 2026 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on March 3, 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, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. KRD Landowners Isaac Wright, Pat Clerf, Jeff Brunson and Amber Charlton and 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 February 12, 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: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: As of March 3, 2026 the five reservoirs were at 76% capacity which is 127.2% of average. There has been no measurable precipitation for the month of March at the five reservoirs. Precipitation for the water year is 173.08 inches, or 106% of average. The Upper Yakima Basin Snotel Sites are reporting 35% of average. The Lower Yakima Basin Snotel Sites are reporting 51% of average. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) River Operations Meeting is March 5, 2026.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main displayed photos of project updates. There was an annual inspection of the Easton Dam drum gate chamber that was completed and a drain fitting was replaced. Maintenance crews continue to clear undershots. There are also maintenance crews working on the Main Canal doing concrete patchwork below the Easton Headgate. There is one backhoe clearing downed trees from the Golf Course Rd Area and working upstream, one backhoe building rock traps at the head end of the undershots that have been cleaned and one excavator doing lateral cleaning on Ride 3.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Mr. Eberhart assisted with suggestions on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) work through the Family Farm Alliance which has been completed and is moving through the administration.

There continues to be a lot of work being done on the preparation for the FY 2027 Budget. Mr. Eberhart is working at various levels of administration and Congress to ensure that the Yakima Basin is able to receive as much funding as possible for future projects.

Tom Tebb continued the facilitated discussions at the Department of Ecology for the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Department of Ecology and water right holders. There is one more meeting that is to be scheduled at a later date.

The Tributary Supplementation Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2026.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve KRD2022-PS-01.10.0_ Exhibit A, Springwood Reservoir Geotech Phase II that will not exceed \$6,741,830. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: N.A. Degerstrom has completed the base course and prep, they will be placing geomembrane this week and are expecting to start placing concrete forms after. They are expecting to have the project complete by early April 2026.

Granite Construction is within 500 ft of placing all the pipe. There was one section of pipe that was missed so Granite Construction is working with the supplier to see if they can get the necessary material to finish the project.

The drilling company is ready to start work on the Easton Well Drilling Project as soon as State Parks gives the final approval.

There is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for March 4, 2026 for the Easton Bull Trout Facility Project. The project will move forward once the final approval is given from Kittitas County.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the February 2026 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 50138 - 50209 direct deposit numbers 9903447 through 9903466 in the sum of \$518,859.00 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Schnebly, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The current 2025 Foreclosure List was presented to the Board with one remaining account. Legal Counsel Slothower advised that the foreclosure is still in process.

Assistant Manager Vickers discussed the changes made to the Policy Manual Updates Draft. The manual is under review and is expected to be presented at the next Board Meeting for approval.

New Business: Director Swanson made a motion to approve the transfer of sick leave request for Enrique Perez Hernandez to have 9 hours transferred from Tina Webster. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:23 p.m. for 20 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Swanson. Executive Session was extended an additional 20 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:03 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen and the second was made by Director Swanson. 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