

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
May 3, 2022 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on May 3, 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, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowner Kyle Kennedy.

The agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session for reasons consistent with RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i). The motion was made by Director Haberman and the second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the April 5, 2022 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Landowner Kyle Kennedy expressed his appreciation to the board for allowing the access permit to his property while the construction work is being done on the road. Director Hansen made a motion to extend the access permit until July 12. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Water Master Report: As of May 3, 2022 the five reservoirs are at 87% capacity and the storage is at 115.1% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for May 1 to date is 2.70 inches, or 422% of average and 27% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year to date is 222.66 inches, or 113% of average. The upper snow tel sites are reporting 116% of average and the Naches Basin sites are at 102% of average.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that the work at Mr. Kennedy's is almost complete. There are maintenance crews working on the Mahre Pipeline after a leak was found. The spray program will begin next week.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: The KRD is continuing to operate under the latest Governor Proclamation for Covid restrictions. The public meeting requirements are expected to change in June, the KRD will monitor those as requirements are lifted.

The Ellensburg Shop is continuing to have repairs done after the fire that occurred last fall. The roof repair work is scheduled to start next week.

Discussions continued on April 6, with the Yakima Basin Joint Board and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Regional and Yakima Field Offices on the cost allocation process.

The KRD Tributary Supplementation Program Meeting was held on April 6.

Mr. Eberhart provided the keynote address virtually to the Chehalis Aquatic Species Restoration Plan Symposium on April 20.

On April 22, Mr. Eberhart was invited to attend the Earth Day Ceremony in Seattle, WA with President Biden, Washington State's US Senator's, members of the Washington State Congressional Delegation, Tribal Leaders and other leaders from Washington State.

There was a Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Briefing for the Bonneville Power Administration and the Natural Resources Conservation Services on April 25.

On April 29, there was a Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Briefing for Bureau of Land Management.

The DC Leadership Group and congressional meetings are scheduled for June 7-9.

On June 10, the Tri-State Meeting will be held in Bend, OR.

The Water Supply Technical Work Group is continuing to work through calculations to determine the locations and timing that water will be available for storage.

The Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II is concluding its initial analysis which should be done in June.

The Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) will conduct a Taneum Creek Pilot Test. The permitting is being done at this time which will allow for the test to be done in 2023.

Representative Shrier has released the appropriations report for FY22. Some of the initial funding that the USBR was expecting was not included in this report. KRD Lobbyist

Mark Limbaugh advised that further information would likely be forthcoming in the October budgets.

The Easton Bull Trout Research Facility permitting process is being organized. It will be constructed with the building owned by the KRD. The land the building is constructed on is owned by the USBR and the facility will be operated by the Yakama Nation.

An approximate \$240 Million request for funding KRD Conservation Projects has been submitted for lining and piping over the next 5 years.

KRD is working with Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for conservation funding.

The Department of Agriculture (WSDA) asked the board for feedback on the WSDA Drought Impacts Agriculture Model.

Project Updates: The South Branch Phase I Canal Lining Reach 4 and 5 are complete. The installation of guardrail, access ramps and roadwork should be complete in the next week. Phase II will begin immediately following with additional road work being complete in approximately 3 weeks.

The KRD has received funding for some design work and permitting for the North Branch Above Johnson.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the April 2022 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 46182 - 46261, direct deposit numbers 9902406 through 9902424 in the sum of \$1,644,077.24 were approved with a motion made by Director Haberman. The second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The Wells Fargo Investment Account has been moved to an interest bearing government investment account without any service charges which is how the account was set up originally. The process of looking for alternative investment sources has been tabled while the annual report is finished. Further information will be forthcoming.

Old Business: Assistant Manager Eslinger advised that the Professional Services RFQ is complete. The contracts have been delivered to the awarded agencies.

After a brief discussion regarding the updated policies, the board determined that this topic would be tabled until the next board meeting to revisit the topic.

New Business: Director Hansen made a motion to pay the invoice for the USBR 1st Half CDR Payment in the amount of \$53,209.53. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve the payment for Washington Farm Bureau Retro Safety in the amount of \$1,930.47. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Eberhart requested that the next board meeting be moved to June 14. Director Hansen made a motion to move the upcoming board meeting to June 14. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding approving a trip for Mr. Eberhart to speak about KRD and the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan at the International Workshop of the ICID in Adelaide, Australia on October 3-10. Director Swanson made a motion to approve the trip. A second was made by Director Haberman, the majority of the Directors passed the motion.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:30p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was motion made by Director Hanson and a second made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:45 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. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager