

**Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
October 7, 2025 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on October 7, 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, RRA Specialist/Lands Clerk Sara Vickers, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowner Mark Charlton.

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 Hanson. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the September 9, 2025 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 October 6, 2025 the five reservoirs are at 7% capacity which is 25.3% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for October 1 to date is .60 inches, or 3% of the month's average. Storage control concluded on October 2, 2025. Reservoir Inflows are currently 211 cfs and outflows are 1,217 cfs. The KRD is operating at 60 cfs for stream supplementation, the 1146 Spillway was shut down yesterday. Director Haberman asked if the KRD diversion on the Reclamation Daily Water Report could have a comment added to explain what the water diversion is being used for. Tributary supplementation is expected to continue to November for the lower county tributaries.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that one of the excavators is working at the Springwood site and is expected to be finished this week. There is a backhoe working on Rides 1 and 2, a maintenance crew is building structures on Ride 2 and the remaining crew is patching in the Hayward Hill area.

Secretary Manager's Activity: One of the excavators has been assisting with the test pits that are being dug in the Springwood Site. There are also core drilling rigs at the reservoir pulling out samples and storing them in containers.

There was a tour provided to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Acting Regional Director Roland Springer on September 12, 2025. The tour included the Springwood Project, 1146 Spillway and the Cle Elum Reservoir.

Director Hansen and Mr. Eberhart attended the Family Farm Alliance Meetings in Washington D.C. during the week of September 15, 2025. There were 54 meetings attended during the trip with various Senators, Representatives and Agencies. It was beneficial for the KRD to have attended.

The Yakima Basin Integrated Plan (YBIP) Upper Basin Legislative Tour was held on September 24, 2025. In attendance were key leaders including State Senators and House Members. The group toured the Springwood Reservoir site, the Yakama Nation served lunch. Yakama Nation, Mr. Eberhart, Derek Sandison, Director of Washington State Department of Agriculture and others participated in a presentation at the reservoir location.

On September 25, 2025 the KRD participated in the Yakima Basin Joint Board Upper Basin Tour which had approximately 50 people touring the same locations as the tour the day prior.

The Regional Director of the Yakima Field Office, Chris Duke retired from Reclamation. The Acting Regional Director is Candy Carmack.

Project Updates: N.A. Degerstrom will begin work on the North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 in January.

The hydroseeding for the South Branch 12.4 to 12.8 Piping Project was completed last week.

The Bid Opening for the Easton Bull Trout Test Well Drilling was done on September 26, 2025. The apparent low bidder was Bransen Drilling from Moses Lake. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent to Award for construction to Bansen Drilling. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

On October 6, 2025 the Bid Opening for South Branch 12.8 to 13.6 Project was held at the KRD Office. The apparent low bidder is Granite Construction. Director Haberman made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent to Award for Construction to Granite Construction. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the September 2025 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 49722 - 49805 direct deposit numbers 9903336 through 9903354 in the sum of \$759,524.69 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The current 2025 Foreclosure List was presented to the Board with two remaining accounts. Legal counsel Slothower reported that the foreclosure process is progressing.

New Business: Sherry Swanson presented a Petition of Nomination for Irrigation District Director for Division 2. There were no other petitions received.

Resolution 2025-08 was presented to the Board of Directors. Legal Counsel Slothower reported that the new property owner paid the 2025 assessment and the resolution forgives the prior year assessment. Director Hansen made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:35 p.m. for 40 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (iii) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Bland. Executive Session was extended an additional 5 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:15 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen and the second was made by Director Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

The Bid Opening for the Easton Bull Trout Rearing Facility was done on September 26, 2025. The apparent low bidder was Belsaas & Smith. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent to Award for construction to Belsaas & Smith. A 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