

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
November 5, 2024 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on November 5, 2024 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)(c) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii). The motion was made by Director Haberman. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the October 8, 2024 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Director Swanson mentioned that the Kittitas County Conservation District has sprinkler applications open until November 22, 2024.

Water Master Report: As of November 4, 2024 the five reservoirs are at 7% capacity which is 23.4% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs from November 1 to date is 3.84 inches, or 94% of average and 9% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year is 15.34 inches, or 71% of average.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that both excavators and one backhoe have been cleaning ditches on Ride 5. The new structure was finished on Turbine 1.1 Pipeline. One backhoe and one dump truck have been repairing drop structures. There is a maintenance crew patching concrete structures on Ride 4. The crews are continuing to rebuild gates, weir blades and flow meters. The fencing materials have arrived for the Kittitas Shop. There have been some joints on the Pump Ditch Pipeline that need to be repaired. A Jacobs Engineer will inspect the joints along the whole line to determine the extent of damage and a repair plan. N.A Degerstrom is now on site and will begin work tomorrow. The

rope crew will start work on the syphon on November 25, 2024. There is a new Level III Technician, Seth Bentley who will be working with the crew.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Mr. Eberhart attended the Ruckelshaus Fall Advisory Board Meeting on October 15, 2024.

On October 18, 2024 Mr. Eberhart was the Keynote Speaker for the New Mexico Governor's Water Plan at New Mexico Tech University in Socorro, NM.

The Eastern Washington Screening for Finding Common Ground will be showing tonight at 7 pm.

Mr. Eberhart will participate in a panel presentation for the American Water Resources Association Cle Elum Fish Passage Site Visit on November 6, 2024.

On November 21, 2024 Mr. Eberhart will participate in a panel presentation for the County Leaders Conference in Vancouver, WA.

Director Hansen, Director Haberman, Legal Counsel Slothower and Mr. Eberhart will be attending the Washington State Water Resource Association Annual Conference in Spokane, WA December 4-6, 2024.

Mr. Eberhart signed the closing documents for the Springwood Property on Thursday afternoon. The property ownership is through various state and tribal agencies. KRD has begun posting no trespassing signs on the KRD portion of the property.

Project Updates: N.A. Degerstrom began construction on the North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 on November 4, 2024.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve the certificate of completion and release for South Branch Piping 10.85 to 11.7 33.-SBC-1006_CO-09_(Closeout) and Change Order. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The Bid Opening Results were presented to the Board for the South Branch Piping – 2024-25 Milepost 12.4 to Milepost 12.8 Project. The apparent low bidder was Corridor Contractors. Director Bland made a motion to present the Notice of Intent to Award to Corridor Contractors. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the October 2024 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 48795 - 48881 direct deposit numbers 9903094 through 9903111 in the sum of \$652,810.30 were approved with a motion made by Director Hanson. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The findings of Sage Shelton, KRD Landowner's request for a bridge crossing license were discussed. After several conversations with the land owner, it was determined that this property is not land locked and has another access point that can be used. Mr. Shelton was referred to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to pursue a crossing license since the KRD is not authorized to grant crossing licenses for Federal property.

New Business: The Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW) 2025 Insurance Renewal was not received by the Board Meeting. Director Hansen made a motion to allow Mr. Eberhart the authority to sign the document upon his approval once it is received. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to pay the 2024 USBR 2nd CDR Installment in the amount of \$50,623.52. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart reported that Bart Bland and Mark Hansen submitted Petition of Nominations for their prospective Irrigation District Directors Positions. There were no other petitions submitted.

Director Hansen made a motion to set the date for the Board of Equalization for December 10, 2024. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-09 was presented to the Board for the Board Meeting dates in 2025. Director Bland made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-09. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to nominate Director Swanson and Director Hansen to represent the KRD on the Kittitas County Joint Control Board #1 in 2025. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:32 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110.(1)(c) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Swanson. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:47 pm with a motion made by Director Haberman and the second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager