

**Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
December 8, 2020 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on December 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Attending the meeting via conference call, were Division Three Director and Chairman Fred Schnebly, Division One Director and Vice Chairman Mark Hansen, Division Four Director Larry Bland, Division Five Director Brad Haberman, Division Two Director Sherry Swanson, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, GIS Specialist Roger Satnik, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and Jacobs Engineering Consultant Julia Long. Land Owners Garrett Poshusta and Mark Charlton were also in attendance.

Director Haberman made a motion to open the Board of Equalization for the duration of the board meeting. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously. The audience was polled to determine if there was anyone who was requesting equalization, which there was not.

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

The minutes for the November 3, 2020 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Haberman, the second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Landowner Garrett Poshusta commented regarding a letter that he had sent to KRD prior to the board meeting. The conversation was in reference to a trespassing complaint that occurred in July 2020. After discussion the board agreed to conduct an investigation and would get back to Mr. Poshusta in writing before the January 2021 Board Meeting.

Water Master Report: As of December 7, the five reservoirs are at 41% capacity with inflows at 51% and releases at 65% of average. Inflows to the five reservoirs for the Water Year is 261KAF, or 113% of average and releases are at 146KAF or 120% of average. Precipitation for the Water Year to date is 69.16 inches, or 105% of average. The Snotel Sites for the Upper Yakima are reporting 99% of average and the Lower Yakima Basin Sites are reporting 114% of average.

Maintenance Report: There are 2 backhoes cleaning laterals on Rides 2 & 4. The headgates that were removed have been rebuilt and installed. The 2 excavators have been working on the Westside.

The rope crew has been deployed to the Yakima Syphon for the high-pressure injection sealing. This project is expected to continue for approximately one more week. The rope crew is expected to have another deployment in the spring to do additional work.

The Easton Dam internal drum gate inspection is scheduled to be performed next week.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: The KRD continues to follow the Governor's Order for COVID. Director Hansen made a motion to continue the Emergency COVID status and follow the social distancing requirements and the office will remain closed to the public. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart participated in the Ruckelshaus Advisory Board Meeting on November 10.

There was a Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation on November 10.

On November 23, Mr. Eberhart participated in the Washington State University and Washington State Department of Agriculture Ag Leadership Meeting.

Mr. Eberhart presented about the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Columbia Basin Partnership at a briefing to the Office of the Columbia River Policy Advisory Group on December 8.

The Kittitas County Chamber Legislative Day is on December 10, Mr. Eberhart will brief the Legislators on current KRD activities.

The Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on November 12 and approved the formation of a joint board between KRD and Westside Irrigating Company.

The Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II, Yakima Basin Data Gaps and the KRD Water Wheeling Analysis Projects are all related. The KRD is continuing to work with the Jacobs Engineering Team to gather information on prospective sites that will be presented for consideration to be included in the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan. There was a Water Supply Framing Process-Yakima Basin Data Gaps Discussion on November 12 that Mr. Eberhart presented to.

The Tucker Creek Temporary Fish Passage is complete and a report on it will be presented at the next Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Work Group Meeting.

KRD is working with Jacobs Engineering and the Department of Ecology on the next phase of work for the Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Assessment.

Mr. Eberhart requested the board consider allowing a holiday office closure for the week of December 21 – December 25. The board agreed to the office closure during the presented time frame.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the Emergency Repairs Resolution 2020-08. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: Construction Photos of the progression of the South Branch Phase II Robinson Siphon to SB 10.4 Piping Project were presented and discussed.

Treasurer's Report: The Directors' monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the November 2020 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 44727-44806, direct deposit numbers 9902021 through 9902040 in the sum of \$412,192.01 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The 2020 Foreclosure List has one remaining account to be collected. There has been no communication from the landowner. After a brief discussion, the board directed the legal counsel to continue with the foreclosure process.

New Business: Director Swanson made a motion to approve the 2020 Disposal of Equipment. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart reported to the board that the 2021 Fuel Bid Opening will be on December 11.

Director Bland made a motion to hold a Special Board Meeting on December 16 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the 2021 Operating Budget. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve the 2021 Meeting Date Resolution 2020-09. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:38 p.m. for 30 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i)(ii) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:08 p.m. with a motion made by Director Haberman, and the second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

The audience was polled again and no one was present to discuss the Board of Equalization. Director Haberman made a motion to close the Board of Equalization 2020-10. A second was made by Director Bland, 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