

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
May 6, 2025 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on May 6, 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, KRD Lands Clerk & RRA Specialist Sara Vickers 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)(i):(iii). The motion was made by Director Hansen. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the April 8, 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 May 6, 2025 the five reservoirs are at 58% capacity which is 74.761.7% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs from May 1 to date is approximately .30 inches or 16% of average and 3% of the months average. Precipitation for the water year is 157.73 inches, or 80% of average. The Snotel sites for the Upper Yakima Basin are reporting at 45% of average and the Naches Basin sites are at 72% of average. USBR dropped the proration to 51%. We are currently operating at 559 cfs at this time and have an order from USBR for 700 cfs for tomorrow. The KRD is running the system very conservatively in efforts to only draw from Kechelus while the construction work is being done on Kechelus. Construction is currently running on schedule. Rationing is expected to begin mid-month.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Main reported that one backhoe is working in the Upper County, one backhoe working in Badger Pocket. There have been some typical leaks and smears, a crew is replacing walk planks and another crew has started spraying.

Secretary Manager's Activity: The System Operations Advisory Committee Discussions are continuing to work well. The weather this spring has caused some natural flows which allowed the fish to move naturally. The flood control water has been utilized through the Bumping Reservoir. All the parties involved are working well together.

The State Capitol Budget is being refined at this time. The initial request for Yakima Basin Integrated Plan was \$59 million. Currently, the House Capitol Budget has this line item budgeted for \$49 million and the Senate Budget has it at \$53 million. The Yakima Basin Integrated Plan was awarded \$52 Million which includes some for Springwood feasibility work. The next step is for the Governor to sign the Capital Budget.

After presenting at multiple hearings, the 10-year extension on water storage has been passed by the House and the Senate with good margins.

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Policy team in Denver finished the review of the Springwood Feasibility funding question. It was determined by them that Springwood is authorized to use regular appropriation funding as well as infrastructure funding. The recommendation will be presented to Reclamation leadership in Washington D.C.

The Yakama Nation hosted a celebratory event at Springwood. There were several hundred people in attendance many were representing the agencies involved in the Springwood purchase.

After a question regarding how Landowner Estoos was utilizing KRD water, Field Supervisor Main and Construction Supervisor Main checked the area and there were no concerns.

Project Updates: The North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 is fully operational and complete. The fencing installation is also complete.

The South Branch Piping Milepost 12.4-12.8 Project is complete, the hydroseeding will be postponed until fall.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the April 2025 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 49299 - 49390 direct deposit numbers 9903223 through 9903242 in the sum of \$791,649.13 were approved with a motion made by

Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The Kittitas County Water Purveyors 2025 Agreements were provided to the Board for approval and signatures.

The current 2025 Foreclosure List was presented to the Board. After a brief discussion, the Board provided direction to send a certified final notice letter to each of the remaining landowners on the list with a deadline of July 1, 2025. The remaining accounts will be transferred to legal counsel at that time.

New Business: Director Hansen made a motion to pay the 1st Installment of the Construction Debt to the Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$50,567.03. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The Resolution 2025-06 regarding the assessments for the 1941 Hundley Rd property was presented to the Board. Director Bland made a motion to approve the Resolution. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart made an announcement to the Board that long-time Easton Dam Tender who had recently retired had passed away. A graveside service will be held at the Thorp Cemetary on May 10, 2025 at 1:00pm.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:28 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Swanson. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:44 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