

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
June 3, 2025 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on June 3, 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, Construction Supervisor Robby 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): (i) and (iii). The motion was made by Director Haberman. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the May 6, 2025 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Hanson. The second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: As of June 2, 2025 the five reservoirs are at 66% capacity which is 74.0% of average. There was no measurable precipitation from June 1 to date. Precipitation for the water year is 163.73 inches, or 79% of average. The system went on pro-rationing on May 20, 2025. The current pro-ration rate is 48% and storage control has yet to be set. The system is currently running at 720 cfs with an expected increase of 125 cfs today and tomorrow. The Board was given projections for pro-ration levels of 48% and 43%. Director Swanson made a motion to give Mr. Eberhart and Field Supervisor Main authority if the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) reduces the pro-ration level again to adjust the KRD levels to the projected changes. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Report: Construction Supervisor Main reported that crews are currently cleaning up the Badger Pocket area after the recent windstorm. The gravity lateral will be treated today and the turbine lateral will be treated tomorrow. The turbine lateral was cut to 52 feet while a culvert was replaced. The repair has been made and the lateral will be fully operational by tomorrow.

Secretary Manager's Activity: The next System Operations Advisory Committee Meeting is at 2:00 p.m. today. The conserved water has been utilized for the pulse flows that have taken place to date. Reclamation is working with Ecology to account for 1,000 acre feet that was used in excess of the conserved water. There are several entities who are working in collaboration with the group to account for the excess water usage.

Washington State Governor Ferguson signed the state capitol budget that the House and Senate presented. \$52 million dollars was allotted for Yakima Basin projects. An additional Bill was signed that allowed a 10 year extension to complete permitting and funding for the storage projects.

Mr. Eberhart gave a tour to Senator Murray of the Springwood Storage Project. The senator continues to be supportive of the project.

On June 18, 2025 there will be a retirement party for Tom Tebb of the Department of Ecology.

There is a Yakima Basin Joint Board Tour scheduled for June 26, 2025 that will predominantly cover the lower basin area. KRD Lands Clerk/RRA Specialist Vickers will represent the KRD on this tour.

There is a Willamette Fall Lamprey Celebration June 26, 2025, in Oregon City, OR.

Director Hansen will be attending the Family Farm Alliance & Tri State Meetings July 15-16, 2025.

The Department of Ecology PS-06-07.2 Amendment 2 was presented to the Board. This amendment increased the current grant \$29,000.00 for additional professional consulting services. Director Hansen made a motion to accept PS-06-07.2 Amendment 2. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The Labor and Industries Citation and Notice of Assessments for the logging accident was received. The invoice in the amount of \$4,896.00 was paid and the KRD is working with Labor and Industries to conduct a non-regulatory inspection that is tentatively scheduled for July.

Project Updates: Director Hansen made a motion to accept the 33-NBC-1006 CO - 08 Close Out for the North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The final walkthrough was completed for the South Branch Piping Milepost 12.4-12.8 Project.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the May 2025 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 49391 - 49472 direct deposit numbers 9903246 through 9903265 in the sum of \$1,082,540.14 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

A wage comparison for maintenance staff was presented to the Board from an earlier request. There was extensive discussions regarding the report. The Board asked for additional wage information to be presented at the next Board Meeting. Director Haberman made a motion to change the employer paid portion of medical insurance premium to cover 95% of the premium. A 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 as an informational status report. Any remaining accounts on the Foreclosure List after July 1, 2025 will be transferred to legal counsel for foreclosure proceedings.

New Business: Director Haberman made a motion to pay the 2nd Installment of the Operation and Maintenance to the Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$366,629.53. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:47 p.m. for 10 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): (i) (iii) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Hanson. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:57 p.m. with a motion made by Director Hansen and the 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