

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
June 4, 2024 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on June 4, 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, Construction Supervisor Robby Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, KRD Land Clerk/RRA Specialist Sara Vickers, and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower. Also in attendance were KRD Landowner Mark Charlton, Brent Møllergaard and Dave McDaniel.

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)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii). The motion was made by Director Haberman. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the May 14, 2024 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: KRD Landowners Dave McDaniel and Brent Møllergaard expressed their appreciation to the KRD for doing their best to manage the water during a water short year.

Mark Charlton inquired whether KRD was wheeling water for Cascade Irrigating Company and Westside Irrigating Company. The Board affirmed that the KRD was carrying water for both entities when possible.

Water Master Report: As of June 4, 2024 the five reservoirs are at 66% capacity which is 73.3% of average. The system went on Pro-rationing today, with the current proration rate of 54%, based on the May 1, TWSA. Storage Control has not been set, reservoir inflows are still building storage. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for June 1 to date is 4.80 inches. Precipitation for the Water Year is 173.19 inches, or 84% of average. Today the KRD is diverting 744 cfs.

Maintenance Report: Construction Supervisor Robby Main reported 10 new gage stations have been installed and are waiting to be calibrated. One excavator is being serviced, the backhoes are doing basic maintenance. The road has been cleared through Hayward Hill, the burrow ditch has been cleaned and maintenance crews have been chasing trees after recent windstorms. It has been a good month, with no big issues that have come up. Water deliveries were tight last week, that seems to have subsided and leveled out for the moment.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Mr. Eberhart attended the Ecology Program Manager Shorelands & Environmental Meeting on May 20, 2024.

The Washington Agriculture Viability Conference was held in Kennewick, WA on May 29-30, 2024.

Mr. Eberhart presented with a panel at the University of Washington on June 1, 2024.

The Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District is hosting a retirement party for Manager Lori Brady on June 7, 2024.

On June 12-13, 2024 the Yakima Basin Science Management Conference will be held at Central Washington University.

There will be a tour for the Yakima Basin Joint Board on June 20, 2024.

The Columbia Basin Collaborative 1/RG Meeting will be held in Boise, ID on June 26-27, 2024.

The Cle Elum Dam Fish Passage Celebration is scheduled for July 25, 2024.

Director Bland made a motion to accept Exhibit C which raises the Engineering Lid and additional \$40,000.00. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The next River Ops Meeting is June 6, 2024, an updated forecast from the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) is expected at that time.

Project Updates: Director Bland made a motion to accept Change Order #8 for South Branch Piping 10.85 to 11.7 which extends the completion date. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Change Order #05 for North Branch Canal Lining 31.5 to 30.3 for additional fencing was presented to the Board. Director Hansen made a motion to accept Change Order #5. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

The pay application and change order for the North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 is forthcoming.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve the Manastash Ridge Trail Safety Improvements – Change Order #01 which had final adjustments on it and allowed for a 60 day hold for retainage. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the May 2024 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 48370 – 48464 direct deposit numbers 9902984 through 9903001 in the sum of \$1,375,821.29 were approved with a motion made by Director Haberman. The second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The updated 2024 Foreclosure List was presented to the Board. Certified Letters have been mailed. The Board will reconsider further action at the July Board Meeting.

New Business: Director Swanson made a motion to pay the USBR 2nd O&M Payment in the amount of \$175,857.57. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to accept the Packwood Memorandum of Agreement. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:16 p.m. for 5 minutes per RCW 42.30.110.(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Hansen. The Executive Session was extended for an additional 10 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:31 pm with a motion made by Director Hansen and the second was made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06 the acquisition of the Springwood property. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager