

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
July 9, 2024 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on July 9, 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, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowner Mark Charlton.

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 Hansen. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the June 4, 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: KRD Landowner Mark Charlton inquired about the water storage studies being done at the undershot at Parke Creek.

Water Master Report: As of July 8, 2024 the five reservoirs are at 62% capacity which is 72.4% of average. The system went on Pro-rationing on May 21, 2024. The current proration rate of 51%. Storage Control began June 14, 2024. There was no measurable precipitation at the five reservoirs for the month to date. Precipitation for the Water Year is 181.77 inches, or 85% of average. Today the KRD is diverting 955 cfs at the head end which is on target for the drought plan.

The drought plan scenario has been updated daily and with pro-ration increase from the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and keeping the system functioning as efficiently as possible has allowed the scenario to give every indication that there will be sufficient water to keep the system functioning into September of 2024. There are several variables that need to be considered to maintain this projection but with all the information we have available currently, it looks optimistic. The Board consensus was to continue to run at one inch to the acre and continue with the current drought plan.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that 28 of the 31 gage stations are calibrated and operational. There are 3 more that need to be finished. There are maintenance crews spraying and weeding. One excavator is working in the area of Golf Course Rd, the other excavator is working in the badger pocket area. The Taneum and Gravity Ditches have been treated.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Mr. Eberhart attended the Yakima Basin Science & Management Conference at Central Washington University on June 12-13, 2024.

On June 20, 2024, there was a meeting for the Cle Elum Fish Passage that Mr. Eberhart participated in.

The Columbia Basin Collaborative Integration/Recommendations Meeting was on June 26-27, 2024 in Boise, ID. Mr. Eberhart has been working with the group for a number of years.

Director Hansen and Mr. Eberhart will be attending the Family Farm Alliance Board Retreat & Memorial on July 16-21, 2024.

On July 24, 2024 the Cle Elum Dam Fish Passage Celebration will be held at Lake Cle Elum.

USBR Regional Director Jennifer Carrington has called for a meeting on July 25, 2024 which Mr. Eberhart will be attending.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve Exhibit A and B – Task Authorization (KRD2022-PS-06.08.0) Targeted SAR Phase II. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion with the Board, it was determined that July 31, 2024 would be the proposed date for a potential Joint KRD/Roza Board Meeting in Sunnyside, WA.

Mr. Eberhart emphasized the importance of KRD outreach through social media posts. On July 6, 2024, there was a KRD Facebook Post on canal safety that was shared many times.

Project Updates: Director Hansen made a motion to release the final completion and bonding for the North Branch Canal Lining 31.5 to 30.3. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

The North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 33-NBC-1006 CO-05 was presented to the Board. This includes continuous lining upstream and some fencing. The materials will be purchased and kept on hand until the installation can be done. Director Hansen made a motion to approve Change Order 5. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve the Manastash Ridge Trail Safety Improvements Final Completion and Retainage Release after review from legal Counsel and Mr. Eberhart. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the June 2024 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 48465 – 48541 direct deposit numbers 9903006 through 9903023 in the sum of \$779,381.92 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The updated 2024 Foreclosure List was presented to the Board without any changes from the month prior. The consensus of the Board is to prepare a resolution that states it is not cost effective to continue the foreclosure process on these specific accounts due to the small value of outstanding funds. The foreclosure process will carry over to the following year if the funds are still outstanding.

New Business: There was no new business.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:36 p.m. for 30 minutes per RCW 42.30.110.(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii) there was a motion made by Director Hansen and a second made by Director Swanson. The Executive Session was extended an additional 5 minutes. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:11 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