

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
August 6, 2024 Minutes

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

The minutes for the July 9, 2024 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Hansen. The second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: As of August 5, 2024 the five reservoirs are at 43% capacity which is 63.6% of average. The current proration rate is 51%. There was no measurable precipitation at the five reservoirs for the month to date. Precipitation for the Water Year is 181.68 inches, or 83% of average. Today the KRD is diverting 918 cfs at the head end and will start lowering the flow over the coming days.

Maintenance Report: Field Supervisor Bob Main reported that maintenance crews are continuing the spraying and weeding. The mowing machine is currently being used on the Badger Pocket laterals. There is a backhoe working on Ride 4 and Ride 5. There was a leak on the turbine lateral that was repaired on Sunday. Maintenance Crews repaired a washout on the 26.7 lateral downstream of Vantage Hwy. The lateral was shut down for 18 hours while it was being repaired. Director Swanson commented on all the work that the crews have done, have made the drought year better than it would have been otherwise.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Director Hansen and Mr. Eberhart attended the Family Farm Alliance Board Retreat & Memorial on July 16-21, 2024. Director Hansen was appointed to the 2nd Vice President Position of the Family Farm Alliance Board.

There were several KRD Directors and employees who attended the Cle Elum Fish Passage Celebration on July 24, 2024.

Mr. Eberhart attended a meeting with United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Regional Director Jennifer Carrington on July 25, 2024. During the meeting, it was announced that KRD would be awarded \$1.6 million dollars of the inflation reduction act funding. The following week an additional \$2 million dollars of FY 24 funding was awarded as well.

KRD staff have been preparing for a tour for the Department of Ecology on August 13, 2024.

The Tri-State Meeting is scheduled in Pasco, WA on September 20, 2024.

Mr. Eberhart will be participating in the History Lunch in Seattle, WA on September 17, 2024 where the first screening of the new film on the collaborative processes used in Washington state.

Director Bland made a motion to send Mr. Eberhart and Director Hansen on the Farmer Lobbyist Trip in Washington D.C. during the week of September 23-27, 2024. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart will be speaking at the Washington Cascades Land Water Conservation Fund Celebration on October 1, 2024.

Director Hansen made a motion to send Mr. Eberhart to Boulder City, NV on October 21-24, 2024 for the USBR Water School. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart reported that Senator Murray has \$10 million earmarked in the FY 25 Federal Budget for the North Branch Canal Lining.

Senator Cantwell has \$750,000 earmarked for Whiskey Creek Analysis.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve the 2022-PS-.06.01_Amend 2_Exhibit C – Easton Bull Trout Facility that increases the not to exceed contract price by \$385,000. A second was made by Director Swanson, the motion passed unanimously.

Exhibit C KRD2022-PS-06-2.0.3 (Task 2 Amendment 3) was presented to the Board. The Task allows for an additional \$40,000 to the budget for professional services. Director Hansen made a motion to accept the change order as it is written. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to approve KRD2022-PS-06.09.0 – Exhibits A and B for Consumptive Use Evaluations. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates: On July 29, 2024 the Retainage was released and the Public Works Notice of Completion was filed. The final notice has been filed for the Manastash Ridge Trail (MRT) Safety Improvements.

The North Branch Canal Lining 31.5 to 30.3 is waiting on the subcontractors to finish filing before the Final Completion can be submitted.

A Draft Change Order #6 for the North Branch Canal Lining 30.3-27.5 was presented to the Board. There was a brief discussion regarding the lining project, further information will be forthcoming as the details are refined.

The South Branch Canal Piping 12.4 to 12.9 and a design for a screen and trash rack on 9.9 lateral will go out to bid in Mid-September. Director Swanson mentioned NRCS Funding may be an option for partial funding on this project.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the July 2024 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 48542 – 48634 direct deposit numbers 9903028 through 9903045 in the sum of \$879,295.00 were approved with a motion made by Director Swanson. The second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business: Financial and Federal Audit is expected to begin on August 27, 2024. Director Swanson agreed to participate in the process.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07 Deferring Collection of Delinquent Accounts. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Legal Counsel Slothower reported that extensive research has been done to confirm that the Yakama Nation would be considered a sole source for the cultural work that needs to be done for this work. The land in question is ancestral land to the Yakama Nation and they have information that only they know about this location, they are the only resource to determine the cultural resources in this area. Director Haberman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08 Authorizing Sole Source Cultural Consultant for Easton Bull Trout Facility. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Hansen made a motion to pay the FY 2024 USBR Safety of Dams invoice in the amount of \$370,513.87. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:41 p.m. for 20 minutes per RCW 42.30.110.(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i)(iii) there was a motion made by Director Bland and a second made by Director Haberman. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:01 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