

**Office of the Secretary Manager  
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting  
September 8, 2020 Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on September 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Attending the meeting via conference call, were Division Three Director and Chairman Fred Schnebly, Division One Director and Vice Chairman Mark Hansen, Division Four Director Larry Bland, Division Five Director Brad Haberman, Division Two Director Sherry Swanson, Secretary Manager Urban Eberhart, Assistant Manager Kevin Eslinger, Field Supervisor Bob Main, Treasurer Stacy Berg, Water Master Robby Main, GIS Specialist Roger Satnik and Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower.

The agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session for reasons consistent with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i). The motion was made by Director Bland and the second was made by Director Haberman. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the August 11, 2020 Board Meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Bland, the second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Water Master Report: The five reservoirs are at 41% capacity. Storage is at 102.8% of average. Inflows are at 91% and releases are at 114% of average. There has been no measurable precipitation in September. For the water year to date precipitation is at 225.32 inches or 102% of average. Buoys are scheduled to be put in the river and flip flop will start.

Maintenance Report: Maintenance crews have been working in the Upper County clearing the right of way on the far side of the canal. They have been mowing and weeding, treating ditches for aquatic weeds, as well as working on bridge maintenance. The crews have also been clearing debris from the windstorm that came out of the Northeast.

Secretary Manager's Activity Report: The Emergency Declaration was extended in the last board meeting. The Governor's Order is still in effect and the agreement was to keep the KRD's declaration parallel to the Governor's Order. No KRD employees have reported any symptoms and the staff is continuing to practice social distancing.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Eberhart presented to the Water Right Marketing Panel – Water Law in Central Washington.

There was a briefing of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan to the Federal Agencies Regional Executives on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Several meetings will continue to take place throughout the month.

The Tri-State Irrigators Meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Eberhart will be co-presenting to a University of Washington class on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

There was a brief discussion on the public disclosure request 2020-03 that was submitted to KRD on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

The next meeting for Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Columbia Basin Partnership is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Westside Irrigating Company is expected to obtain an approval from their board to approve the creation of a Joint Board between Westside Irrigating Company and the KRD.

The Jacobs Team is continuing to work on the Upper Yakima System Storage (UYSS) Phase II Analysis.

The initial document for the KRD Water Wheeling project from HDR is complete.

There is an ongoing analysis for the Water Supply Framing Process.

The National Historic Preservation Act letter for the Tucker Creek Temporary Fish Passage was submitted to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR).

The Yakima Basin Focused Managed Aquifer Recharge Assessment is focusing on Taneum Heart K Property at this point.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the South Branch Phase II Funding – R20AP00070 Canal Efficiency Project, which is a matching Water Smart Grant in the amount of \$967,400.00. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

The projected KRD cost of \$689,834.00 for the USBR Operation and Maintenance in 2021 was presented to the board.

Project Updates: The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Notice and the Final Determination for Non-Significance (DNS) for the South Branch Phase II Piping Project from Robinson Creek Siphon to Manastash Creek Siphon was submitted. There were two questions submitted. The questions have been analyzed and determined that the DNS was appropriate. There was a notice of action submitted on August 20<sup>th</sup> that reported that the project will commence due to the issues reported being determined as non-significant. The publication will be ran in 2 consecutive weeks.

Since additional funding came in after the initial bid request, the Robinson Siphon to MP 10.4 Piping Project had additional stations added to the bid. Several contractors contacted the KRD to request the bid opening be extended so they could work with pipe suppliers to see if they could include more pipe options. The Bid Opening was extended to September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed to meet for a Special Board Meeting to award the construction bid on September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm.

Treasurer's Report: The Directors' monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the July 2020 expenses and the August 2020 payroll which included check numbers 44467-44549, direct deposit numbers 9901956 through 9901972 in the sum of \$366,908.29 were approved with a motion made by Director Bland. The second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Treasurer Berg presented an updated 2020 Foreclosure List to the Board. There was a brief discussion regarding how to move forward with collections. Director Haberman made a motion to begin the foreclosure process with the remaining accounts. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: There was no new business.

Other Business: The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 1:31 p.m. for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(i) there was a motion made by Director Haberman and a second made by Director Bland. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to Regular Session at 1:46 p.m. with a motion made by

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

All business having been concluded the meeting was adjourned.

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Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

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Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager