

Office of the Secretary Manager
Kittitas Reclamation District Board of Directors Meeting
October 8, 2024 Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) met in Regular Session on September 10, 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, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower and KRD Landowners Mark Charlton and Sage Shelton.

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 September 10, 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 expressed his appreciation to the KRD for extending the water season as long as possible during a drought water year.

KRD Landowner Sage Shelton addressed the Board and expressed his appreciation for the work that is being done to line the canal. The lining is approaching Mr. Shelton's property and, in preparation for the upcoming work, he had questions for the Board regarding his bridge. He asked for a copy of the construction plans for the work being done in the area of his property so he can see where the gates and fencing will be installed. After a brief discussion Mr. Shelton requested a signed authorization of authority and asked if he could get a written document which will allow him to remove the current bridge rather than the contractor. Mr. Shelton stated it was his intent to have the bridge inspected for future use. He mentioned he preferred to work directly with the KRD if possible. He also noted that if the construction doesn't reach his property this year, he would like to retain the bridge as long as possible. The Board will consider the requests of Mr. Shelton and respond in writing before the next board meeting.

Water Master Report: As of October 7, 2024 the five reservoirs are at 9% capacity which is 30.1% of average. Precipitation at the five reservoirs for October 1 to date is 1.50 inches, or 9% of average and 44% of the month's average. The KRD is currently wheeling 505 cfs of water.

Maintenance Report: Construction Supervisor Robby Main reported that there is a backhoe working on the gravity lateral and pumping lateral. An excavator is cleaning the turbine lateral. Maintenance crews are repairing and replacing gates. A structure was replaced on Canyon Rd. The pumping plant was winterized, and crews will be cleaning out siphons throughout the system.

Secretary Manager's Activity: Director Hansen and Mr. Eberhart traveled to Washington D.C. the week of September 23, 2024 to for the Farmer Lobbyist Trip. Director Hansen noted that Mr. Eberhart does an excellent job of representing KRD and the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan. The goal of the trip was to secure additional funding for future projects. The alliance was well received and Director Hansen felt it was a good trip with time well spent.

Mr. Eberhart spoke at the Washington Cascades Land Water Conservative Fund Celebration on October 1, 2024 in Roslyn, WA.

On October 15, 2024, Mr. Eberhart will attend the Ruckelshaus Fall Advisory Board Meeting in Seattle.

Mr. Eberhart will be presenting on October 18, 2024 in Albuquerque, NM.

The Oregon-Washington Water Year Virtual Meeting will be held on October 29-30, 2024.

Director Haberman made a motion to approve the Haley & Aldrich, Change Order Request #3 in the amount of \$58,255. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously. Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower reported that there is a data gap in the alley that Haley and Aldrich would like to evaluate before providing a recommendation to Department of Ecology.

The PS-01.02.3 Exhibit C 2024-25 for this Construction Season Project Management was presented to the board. Director Bland made a motion to approve the Change Order which will not exceed \$200,000.00 which results in the new total

revised maximum Contract Price of \$600,000.00. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Swanson made a motion to approve PS-01.03.2 Exhibit C (Amd 02) – Upper Yakima System Storage which provides the additional scope of work and budget increase of \$900,000.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

After the discovery of imminent repairs needed for the 1146 spillway, KRD is working with engineers to find alternatives for water wheeling. Director Hansen made a motion to approve PS-01.09.0 Water Wheeling Alternatives after the review of legal counsel and KRD management and not to exceed \$50,000.00. A second was made by Director Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to approve the PS-01.10.0_(Wippel_Pipe_Alts)- to address pipe corrosion. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Task Authorization PS-06.10 Cle Elum Pool Raise 2024 Cultural Resources was presented to the Board. This would allow KRD to be reimbursed for services done by Jacobs Engineering to assist with Cultural Resources for a Reclamation Project at the Cle Elum Reservoir. Director Hansen made a motion to approve the task order which will not exceed \$84,554.00. A second was made by Director Haberman, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eberhart reported that the Stream Restoration Program Funding is ongoing with further updates at an upcoming board meeting.

Project Updates: The North Branch Canal Lining 30.3 to 27.5 Change Order #6 has been approved and signed. A copy of the document was provided to the Board who approved the draft at a prior Board Meeting.

An invitation to Bid for the South Branch Piping – 2024-25 Milepost 12.4 to Milepost 12.8 Project was announced on October 4, 2024. The Bid Opening will take place on November 1, 2024.

Treasurer's Report: The Director's monthly payroll vouchers were presented for signatures. Summary Vouchers for the September 2024 expenses and payroll which included check numbers 48715 – 48794 direct deposit numbers 9903072 through 9903089 in the sum of \$564,083.60 were approved with a motion made by

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

Old Business: Treasurer Berg reported that the Financial and Federal Audit is complete. The Audit Report was provided to the Board with no concerns at the present time.

New Business: Director Haberman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08 Sale of District Personal Property. 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 20 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 Haberman. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:07 pm with a motion made by Director Haberman and the second was made by Director Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Bland made a motion to allow Mr. Eberhart to sign the Springwood Acquisition documents on behalf of the KRD. A second was made by Director Hansen, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schnebly KRD Board of Directors Chairman

Mr. Eberhart KRD Secretary Manager