

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2023

The Board of Directors for the Roza Irrigation District and Kittitas Reclamation District convened in a joint special session on Monday October 23, 2023. Present were Roza Irrigation Board of Directors; President Ric Valicoff, Vice-President Jim Willard, Director Tanner Winckler, Director Jason Sheehan, and District Manager Scott Revell. Engineering Manager Wayne Somnichsen, Watermaster Dave Rollinger, Maintenance Superintendent Dave Clappitt, Assessment Clerk/Assistant Secretary Kristel Espinoza, and District Attorney Brian Iller, Special District counsel Matt Love and Walt Larrick.

Present for Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) were Board of Directors; Chair Fred Schnebly, Vice-Chair Mark Hansen, Director Sherry Swanson, Director Brad Haberman and Director Bart Bland and KRD District Manager Urban Eberhart, Legal Counsel Jeff Slothower, Treasurer Stacy Berg

Audience members are in the detailed attached list.

Via telephone conference: Will Jones, Doug Simpson, Mike Livingston.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

District Manager Revell requested to amend the agenda to include item “c” in the executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):(iii). Following discussion, Mr. Willard moved, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, and unanimously approved the agenda to add item “c” to the October 23, 2023, special meeting agenda.

Phil Volker with Extended Range Forecast Company Inc., discussed with the joint board members about the past and future weather effects of El Nino and explained that a very strong El Nino pattern has formed and that there should be above average precipitation and some snow.

Chad Stuart- United States Bureau of Reclamation (U.S.B.R.), Yakima Field Office Manager and Chris Lynch- U.S.B.R. Operations Engineer updated the Boards on the 2024 U.S.B.R. water supply projections and historical prorationing. Mr. Lynch noted the late spring weather patterns the last several years and the impact it represents for total water supply available.

District Manager Revell and KRD District Manager Eberhart gave a brief overview of new leadership and changes since 2015 with Ecology and U.S.B.R. including successful financial support from Reclamation in part of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Tom Tebb- Department of Ecology, Director provided an overview and evaluation of the major water management projects at Ecology in 2023.

Urban Eberhart discussed the elements of conserving and storing water and groundwater rights in the Yakima Basin.

Walt Larrick- Roza Fish Biologist gave an update on the Box Canyon Creek straw bale channel and discussed the low summer flows and expressed appreciation to KRD and Roza Irrigation District for sending crews and equipment to expedite the work.

The President declared the Board to be in executive session for an estimated sixty-minutes beginning at 11:50 A.M. pursuant to:

- a. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.
- b. (iii) Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

District Manager Revell returned at 12:45 P.M. and noted the presiding office had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional twenty minutes.

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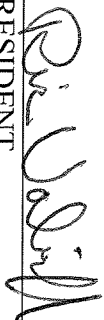
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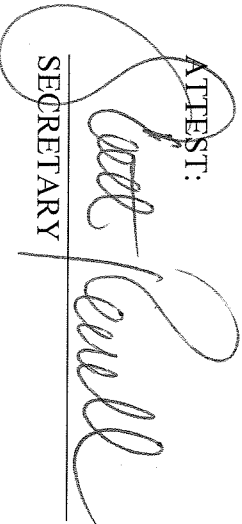
District Attorney Brian Iler recused himself and left the room at 12:51 P.M.

District Manager Revell returned at 1:07 P.M. and noted the presiding office had determined that the Board would be in executive session for an additional five minutes.

The President returned the Board to regular session at 1:10 P.M.

No further business appearing and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the Board did there upon adjourn at 1:11 P.M. on Monday October 23, 2023.

  
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