



Minutes

Special Meeting of the KID Board of Directors
Carl W. Petersen Board Room and Field Trip
Thursday, April 15, 2010, 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order: President Jaksch called the meeting to order in open session at 1:30 p.m. and District Manager Freeman called the roll.

Directors Present:

John Jaksch, President
Gene Huffman, Vice President
David McKenzie, Director
John Pringle, Director - Absent

Staff Present:

Charles Freeman, District Manager
Scott Revell, Planning Manager
Doris Fiske, Executive Assistant

Approval of Agenda: Vice President Huffman moved to approve the agenda. Director McKenzie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 1:33 p.m., meeting attendees traveled by van to Benton City to meet tour participants. En route, the group viewed several KID owned properties.

At 2:30 p.m. the following participants joined the tour:

Ted Sturdevant, Director, Department of Ecology
Tom Tebb, Central Regional Office Director, Yakima Office, Department of Ecology
Dan Haller, Water Resource Program Engineer, Department of Ecology
Rick Roeder, Manager, Office of the Columbia River, USBR
Walt Larrick, YRBWEP Manager, Upper Columbia Area Office, USBR
Stan Isley, YRBWEP Team, USBR
Leo Bowman, Benton County Commissioner
Jim Holmes, Ciel du Cheval Vineyards Owner
Patrick McGuire, KID Director
Greg Harting, KID Operations Manager
Beth Smith, KID Deputy Operations Manager

Participants viewed the proposed Kiona Pump Station site near DeMoss Road and Hwy 224.

Outside Cor Solare, Mr. Holmes addressed the group regarding the Red Mountain AVA.

The KID Board discussed the Red Mountain project with the attendees at the Kiona Winery.

Mr. Revell discussed the Antinori Road extension RID, the planned wine village, and some details of the Red Mountain irrigation LID.

Mr. Revell discussed the planned point of diversion change from Prosser to Kiona and plans to mitigate shrub steppe habitat loss for the benefit of four species of concern. He noted that the diversion change will leave additional water in the lower Yakima River. Mr. Tebb said this benefit is the reason for the Department of Ecology's involvement.

Mr. Revell discussed the monthly multi-agency meetings on the water right and said the group hopes to bring the documents to the policy-makers for execution in the middle of May.

Commission Bowman discussed the benefits of Red Mountain transportation improvements.

Mr. Holmes spoke about the master plan for the AVA.

Director Sturdevant expressed support for the change of diversion project.

Sustainability and the use of native plants in the AVA were discussed.

Commissioner Bowman discussed a proposed WSU Viticulture Research Center.

At 3:45 p.m., the guests departed the meeting.

At 3:50 p.m. Director McKenzie moved to adjourn. Vice President Huffman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Attest:

Witness:



John Jaksch, Board President



Charles Freeman, Secretary/Manager

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