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**KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION 2009-18**

**ESTABLISHING A WATER RATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Kennewick Irrigation District Board of Directors has determined to create a Water Rate Advisory Committee (hereinafter the “committee”), to make available to the Kennewick Irrigation District additional expertise relative to the financing of the District and the setting of rates, tolls and assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee, herein created, shall not supplant administrative input to the Board of Directors, but compliment staff input through utilization and application of the special expertise possessed by its members, nor in any way interfere with the administrative staff functions involving the day-to-day operations of the District except insofar as policy decisions by the Board of Directors may have a direct or indirect bearing on the day-to-day operations of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee shall be composed of five members appointed by the Board of Directors, who shall serve for two-year terms and until their successors are appointed and confirmed by the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the committee shall be selected without regard to political affiliation and shall serve without compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the committee must be Kennewick Irrigation District water users and may be broadly representative of the District provided, however, that in making appointments to the committee, the Board of Directors shall consider any expertise the potential appointee may have with regard to the subject of irrigation district operation and management, and, provided further, that at any one time there shall be at least one (1) members and not more than two (2) members representing the perspectives of each of the following types of customers:

- A. Agricultural (Parcel or an aggregation of parcels totalling ten acres or more, non-urban, devoted primarily to agriculture)
- B. Urban (Residential, commercial, or institutional water users located in an urban growth area)
- C. Rural (Non-urban, rural residential)

**AND WHEREAS**, the committee may, by majority vote, recommend to the Board of Directors removal of an appointed member upon such grounds as may be deemed appropriate by the committee and the Board of Directors, by majority vote, may remove any appointed member of the committee and declare the position vacant; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee shall elect its own chairperson and vice chairperson and create and fill such other offices as may be deemed appropriate by the committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee shall hold regular meetings at least once during each quarter of the each calendar year and at least three times in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee shall adopt rules for transaction of business, and it shall keep a record of its meeting, resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations, which records shall be open to public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee shall perform the following duties:

- A. The committee shall serve as an advisor to the Board of Directors relative to the financing and setting of rates and assessments of the Kennewick Irrigation District.
- B. The committee shall advise the Board of Directors relative to rates and charges for irrigation services and shall, when authorized by the Board of Directors, conduct surveys, analyses, studies and reports relating to the District.
- C. The committee shall perform such other duties and provide such additional advice and assistance to the Board of Directors as the Board of Directors may request or direct.
- D. The committee shall bring recommendations for setting the 2011 Assessment Roll to the Board of Directors by August 31, 2010.

**AND WHEREAS**, the expenditures of the committee, exclusive of donations, shall be limited to appropriations made by the Board of Directors for the committee function; and

**WHEREAS**, the services and facilities of the District departments, as approved by the District Manager, shall be utilized by the committee in performing its duties, except that services of outside consultants may be obtained for a temporary period of time when authorized by the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, all services requiring appropriations shall be submitted through the budgets of the various departments of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the departments of the District, as assigned by the District Manager, shall provide staff assistance and shall also serve to facilitate communications by the committee to the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee and its members shall deal with employees of the District and District-employed consultants, contractors, customers and other District staff only through the District Manager or administrative staff assigned by the District Manager;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kennewick Irrigation District's Board of Directors authorizes the creation of a Rate Advisory Committee as described herein.

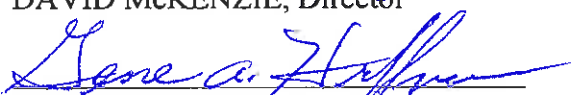
**RESOLUTION 2009-18 IS HEREBY ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Kennewick Irrigation District, Benton County, Washington at an open public meeting thereof this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

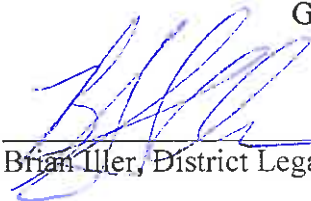
  
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