## KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION 2017-05

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EXPLORATION OF TITLE TRANSFER OF UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION OWNED RESERVED AND TRANSFERRED WORKS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING PROPERLY THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation has established a process to convey ownership (title) to water projects, canals, lateral and other water and power related infrastructure and facilities to the beneficiaries of those facilities; and

WHEREAS, title transfer is a voluntary effort most often initiated by Reclamations water and power contractors; KID is such contractor; and

WHEREAS, title transfer will divest Reclamation of responsibility for the operation, maintenance, management, regulation and liability for the project, lands and facilities to be transferred; and

WHEREAS, title transfer will provide KID with greater autonomy and flexibility to manage the facilities transferred to;

WHEREAS, the Reclamation reform act of 1902, the ownership (title) of facilities will remain with the United States until Congress specifically authorizes the transfer.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Directors directs the District Manager to explore title transfer of Bureau Reclamation owned facilities, canals, lateral, pumping and power facilities and bring back to the board a recommended course of action.

**RESOLUTION 2017-05 IS HEREBY ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of Kennewick Irrigation District, Benton County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2017.

Gene Huffman, President

Patrick McGuire, Director

Dean Dennis, Vice President

David McKenzie, Director

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RESOLUTION 2017-05, Exploration of Title Transfer of USBR Owned Reserved and Transferred Works and Other Matters Relating Properly thereto.

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