



2021 Board of Directors Nomination Packet

Thank you for your interest in serving the Kennewick Irrigation District. The materials included in the 2021 Nomination Packet will assist you in making decisions about your candidacy.

This election will be for two seats, with a three-year terms beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022:

- **Position 2** is currently held by Dean Dennis.
- **Position 5** is currently held by Gene Huffman.

Serving as a Director for the KID requires a commitment of time each month. Directors are expected to attend several monthly meetings and will need to spend time in preparation for these meetings. Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the KID Board Room and usually adjourn by noon. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, meetings are conducted via Zoom at this time.

Board Packets will be provided to Directors in advance of each Board Meeting to allow time for familiarization with the issues to be addressed. Board members may be asked to serve on one or more committees.

To be included on the ballot as a candidate for a Director position, the following materials must be completed and submitted to the KID before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2021.

- **Petition of Nomination for Election of Director:** The petition must be signed by a minimum of ten qualified electors of the KID. Multiple pages of the Petition of Nomination may be printed and used, as electors may wish to submit more than ten signatures to help ensure that at least ten signatories are qualified electors. In districts with less than two hundred thousand acres, a person eighteen years old, being a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state and who holds title or evidence of title to assessable land in the district or proposed district shall be entitled to vote therein, and to be recognized as an elector.
- **Declaration of Candidacy:** KID asks that candidates complete and sign the Declaration of Candidacy and Acceptance of Nomination for Election of Director for the Kennewick Irrigation District (enclosed) to confirm their intent to run for office.

A biographical paragraph may be provided to KID by the candidate, for use in press releases, printed materials and on the KID website.

Thank you again for choosing to participate in the Kennewick Irrigation District. The staff of the KID looks forward to working with you.

About the Kennewick Irrigation District:

The Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) is a non-profit local government agency formed for the good of the water users and rate payers of the District. Board members are representatives of the District rate payers and should work in their interest.

The KID is made up of over 64 miles of irrigation canals located in the Cities of Kennewick, Richland, West Richland, and rural Benton City. The KID is charged with irrigating 20,201 acres of land within the District Boundaries. The total acreage in the District, including dry land, is 55,490 acres. KID has over 24,000 residential, commercial, and agricultural accounts and employs about 63 individuals.

Mission Statement

The Kennewick Irrigation District
will deliver irrigation water, protect water rights and enhance supply,
as authorized by Washington State statutes and federal laws,
for the maximum benefit of our community.

District Priorities

- Service to Community and Care of the Environment
- Stewardship of District Assets, Water Rights, and Supply
- Risk Management and Fiscal Responsibility
- Infrastructure Maintenance and Development

Board Member Commitments and Expectations:

- Board members attend two Board Meetings per month held on the first and third Tuesday of the month and special Board Meetings as called by the Board of Directors or Board President, and participate on Committees as appointed.
- KID has a conflict of interest policy in place. Board Members are required to fill out an Annual Disclosure Statement.
- Board members are required to follow all application laws and regulations, including those outlined in RCW 87 and other statutes including RCW 42 and 90.03.
- Board members are also governed by the KID bylaws and policies.
- Board members are not employees of the KID. They are elected public servants who are compensated for conducting District Business; i.e. attending Board meetings or other meetings which require their attendance. Board members are compensated in accordance with RCW 87.03.460(3).

Revised Code of Washington (RCW)

- ❖ **RCW 42 Public officers and agencies** (Especially RCW 42.30 Open Public Meetings Act)
- ❖ **RCW 87 Irrigation** (Especially RCW 87.03 Irrigation districts generally)
- ❖ **RCW 90 Water rights - environment**

Access, search and read the Revised Code of Washington at: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/>

Kennewick Irrigation District
Petition of Nomination for Election of Director Position _____

We, the undersigned, are qualified electors of the Kennewick Irrigation District by reason of being 18 years of age, being a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Washington, and holding title or evidence of title to lands within the Kennewick Irrigation District. (See RCW 87.03.051)

We, therefore, present this petition of nomination of _____
for the position of Director of the Kennewick Irrigation District for a term of three years beginning January 4, 2022. (See RCW 87.03.075 and RCW 87.03.081)

NOMINATOR SIGNATURES:

Signature: _____

Print name: _____

Address: _____

**Acceptance of Nomination
for Election to Kennewick Irrigation District
Director Position _____**

I, _____, declare upon my honor
Name
that I am an elector of the Kennewick Irrigation District residing at
_____ in the County of
Address
_____, in the State of Washington and that I am
legally
County
qualified to assume office if I am elected; that, having been nominated by
a petition signed by no less than ten qualified nominators, I hereby
accept nomination to the office of Director. The election for this position
is to be held on the second Tuesday of December 2021, and I hereby
request that my name be printed upon the official ballots as provided by
law (RCW 87.03.075).

Signature of Candidate

RCW 87.03.051

Qualifications of voters and directors – Districts of less than two hundred thousand acres.

In districts with less than two hundred thousand acres, a person eighteen years old, being a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state and who holds title or evidence of title to assessable land in the district or proposed district shall be entitled to vote therein, and to be recognized as an elector. A corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity formed pursuant to the laws of the state of Washington or qualified to do business in the state of Washington owning land in the district shall be recognized as an elector. As used in this section, "entity" means a corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity formed pursuant to the laws of the state of Washington or qualified to do business in the state of Washington. "Ownership" shall mean the aggregate of all assessable acres owned by an elector, individually or jointly, within one district. Voting rights shall be allocated as follows: Two votes for each five acres of assessable land or fraction thereof. No one ownership may accumulate more than forty-nine percent of the votes in one district. If assessments are on the basis of shares instead of acres, an elector shall be entitled to two votes for each five shares or fraction thereof. The ballots cast for each ownership of land or shares shall be exercised by common agreement between electors or when land is held as community property, the accumulated votes may be divided equally between husband and wife. Except for community property ownership, in the absence of the submission of the common agreement to the secretary of the district at least twenty-four hours before the opening of the polls, the election board shall recognize the first elector to appear on election day as the elector having the authority to cast the ballots for that parcel of land for which there is more than one ownership interest. A majority of the directors shall be residents of the county or counties in which the district is situated and all shall be electors of the district. If more than one elector residing outside the county or counties is voted for as director, only that one who receives the highest number of votes shall be considered in ascertaining the result of the election. An agent of an entity owning land in the district, duly authorized in writing, may vote on behalf of the entity by filing with the election officers his or her instrument of authority. An elector resident in the district shall vote in the precinct in which he or she resides, all others shall vote in the precinct nearest their residence. No director shall be qualified to take or retain office unless the director holds title or evidence of title to land within the district.

[1997 c 354 § 1; 1985 c 66 § 2.]

Notes:

Severability -- 1985 c 66: See note following RCW [87.03.045](#).