

# Regular Meeting Minutes

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Klamath Project Drought Response Agency  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 11, 2022  
10:00 am

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Marc Staunton, the President, called the regular scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 10:14 am at KWUA boardroom at 2312 South Sixth Street and via the on-line conference platform called Zoom.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Marc Staunton, Paul Crawford, Ryan Hartman, and Mike McKoen

Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Gene Souza, Nathan Ratliff, Mike Neuman, Pat Nue, Marcy Anderson, Paul Simmons, Moss Driscoll, Bill Ganong, Haley Grohs, Hannah Whitley, Kyle Knutson, Marc VanCamp, Ben DuVal, Justin Eary, Charles Ebner, Alex Godin and Tracey Liskey.

## Agenda

The board approved the purposed agenda by consensus.

## Review Prior Meeting Minutes

The board was presented with the March 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes and two sets of minutes for April.

Motion: To approve the March 2, 2022 minutes and both sets of the April minutes.

Motion by: Ryan Hartman                      Second: Paul Crawford

## Public Comment

No public comment

## Review/Approve Financial Statement, Payment of Outstanding Invoices, Ratification of Invoices Paid

Nathan presented the board with a statement of financials as well as a copy of the audit that has already been approved. The accountant was gone last week, the monthly items were emailed out last night. The CARES Act program was closed and Marc Staunton signed off on all the previous CARES invoices. There were a total of \$62,773.08 of unused funds that were returned to the U.S. Department of AG. The program overpaid producers, but underpaid contractors per the budget, creating excess funds.

Motion: Approve payment of outstanding invoices and ratify payments made.

Motion by: Ryan Hartman                      Second: Paul Crawford

Roll call: Unanimous

Motion Passes

## Report regarding CARES Act Program Closeout

Nathan reported that checks have all been issues for the CARES program and it has officially been closed out. In summary, there were 2,291 fields, 176,393.2 applied acres, and 126,854.9 approved acres; the breakdown is as follows:

- (1) Full Reimbursement was 965 Fields, applied and approved 57,702.7 acres
- (2) Partial Reimbursement was 1,139 Fields, 77,902.4 acres applied and approved 69,152.2 acres
- (3) Late applications- 2 for 88 acres, not paid
- (4) Withdrawn- 82 fields for 4,845.7 acres, not paid
- (5) In-eligible District- 27 fields for 2,656.4 acres, not paid
- (6) Outside the FOD & Exceptions- 31 fields for 28,621.8, not paid
- (7) Area K- 34 fields for 4,461.1 acres not paid
- (8) less than 5 acres- 11 fields for 115.1 acres not paid.

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### Update regarding Assessment Reimbursement from the State of Oregon

Nathan stated the DRA had received the funds from the state. Those funds have been distributed per the designated spreadsheet. The Districts will have a follow-up form to send back indicating how the funds were allocated to patrons. A thank you press release will be written up.

### Update and Discussion regarding No Irrigation Program Roll Out

The board discussed the best method for getting the word out on the program for this year. In the past, it was stated that there has not been enough notification of programs. The board was encouraged by staff to approve sending a postcard announcement to all those who have applied in the past. Pat Nue stated that it will cost about 30 cents per postcard to mail out to his list. Moss Driscoll stated that having workshops would be beneficial this year as Eastside has not been able to participate in in past. Bailey Mockridge (LVID office manager) stated that she knows of at least 6,000 acres that will come from the Clearlake side.

*Action item: Chelsea will draft up a visually pleasing postcard and send to staff for approval.*

### Discuss and Approve Small Acreage Amendments to No Irrigation Program and appropriate Program Rollout

Nathan Ratliff stated that a draft of the program was sent out to review. Gene Souza, manager of KID, gave input on language and does not see any issues with how it is currently written. It is anticipated that the districts will go all the work and apply as one application, so as to not create more work for the staff. A district would submit a notice to apply with an estimated amount of acreage. At the end of the season, the district would verify the acres submitted and apply for payment of 300% of O&M costs for those particular acres. Rob Unruh stated that how it is currently written, all "B" districts would receive the 300% not the anticipated \$450 per acre. A discussion of treating the "B" districts differently in subparagraph A. Gene stated that he has no objections to the removal of that language. Paul Crawford suggested t stick the 300% sections and just doing O&M reimbursement. He is concerned the board will get hung up on this part, and that they continue to work at it.

Gene stated that the removal of the cause will eliminate the "A & B" situation, it will cause more work for districts, but it is what is best for the project. Mike Neuman agrees this is a good removal.

### Motion: to approve the amendment to the KLAMATH PROJECT DROUGHT RESPONSE AGENCY

2022 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – NO IRRIGATION, adding a small parcel program, as presented, but eliminating provision highlighted which create 300% rate differentiation.

Motion by: Paul Crawford                      Second: Ryan Hartman

Roll call: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

Nathan Ratliff asked about using other sources of water on these small acreage parcels, such as city water, or well water. Gene stated that he would prefer it to be judged on "no water delivered by district", having it worded this way will save time and manpower verifications.

The next meeting will be on June 16, 2022, at 10 am in the KWUA boardroom. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 12:29 pm.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Ryan Hartman                      Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton , President

Approved: Rob Unruh , Secretary