

Regular Meeting Minutes

**Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Special Board Meeting
December 1, 2022
2:00 pm**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mike McKoen, the Vice President, called the Special scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 2:21 pm at KWUA boardroom at 2312 South Sixth Street and via the on-line conference platform called Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Marc Staunton, Sam Henzel, Paul Crawford, Ryan Hartman, and Rob Unruh. Luke Robison and Marc Staunton were absent.

Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Nathan Ratliff, Mike Neuman, Pat Nue, Bill Ganong, Moss Driscoll, Daniel Justman, Kyle Knutson, and Gene Souza.

Public Comment

None

Update regarding No Irrigation Program Administration

Mike McKoen stated that the board is holding a special meeting to review and vote on the approval of 2022 Claims. He invited Pat Neu of MBK Engineering to go over the program.

Pat stated that the most the applications that needed to be denied have been already. There are a few that will be addressed. Pat reviewed the summary spreadsheet of the 2022 Klamath Project Drought Response Agency's No-Irrigation Program by district.

2022 KPDRA Assistance Program Summary by District and Season								
District	No-Irrigation Program							
	Full Season				Partial Season			
	Applications		Acreage		Applications		Acreage	
	Applied	Approved	Applied	Approved	Applied	Approved	Applied	Approved
Enterprise Irrigation District	12	12	392.4	384	0	0	0	0
Horsefly Irrigation District	2	2	134.4	130.2	0	0	0	0
Klamath Basin Improvement District	58	55	2,510.0	1,928.5	0	0	0.0	0
Klamath Drainage District	5	0	232.0	0	6	0	741.6	0
Klamath Hills District Improvement Company	1	0	11.7	0	0	0	0.0	0
Klamath Irrigation District	325	315	14,359.6	13,173	1	1	78.7	39.5
Langell Valley Irrigation District	52	52	7,301.2	6,467.5	0	0	0.0	0
Malin Irrigation District	33	32	1,500.6	1,429.1	0	0	0	0
Midland District Improvement Company	1	1	26.2	26.2	0	0	0	0
Pine Grove Irrigation District	5	3	68.9	48.4	0	0	0	0
Pioneer District Improvement Company	20	18	220.2	192.7	0	0	0.0	0
Plevna Irrigation District	2	2	32.8	29.2	0	0	0	0
Poe Valley Improvement District	2	2	404.0	298	0	0	0	0
Shasta View Irrigation District	45	43	2,248.0	2,065.1	0	0	0	0
Sunnyside Irrigation District	6	5	382.9	273.8	0	0	0.0	0
Tulelake Irrigation District	162	156	10,587.3	10,126.4	0	0	0	0
Van Brimmer Ditch Company	21	18	1,128.9	1,034.2	0	0	0	0
Other (WA): Klamath River, UKL, etc.	12	9	3,516.0	2,329.9	1	1	63	54.6
Total	764	725	45,057.1	39,936.2	8	2	883.3	94.1

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There was 275 applications in total that was approved in full which totaled 13,873.5 acres. There was 452 applications approved in part. 29,816.5 applied and 26,156.8 acres were approved. There were 2 late application in which zero acres were approved. 9 applications withdrawn, 6 applications with 795 acres were outside of the FOD therefore not eligible. There was 8 applications with less than 4 acres totaling 31.2 acres not eligible. There were 11 applications with 973.6 acres of in-eligible districts. Giving a total of 772 applications received with 45,940.4 acres applied for and 40,030.3 approved acres.

The small acre program consisted of 8 applications. In the original handouts presented to the board, Malin and Shasta View were reversed in applicant info column. The corrected version is below.

Small Parcel Program Summary:

Receipt Info	Applicant Info	Summary Report Information			
App No.	Applicant District	Parcels	Assessed Ac	Fee	Assessed_Fees
KDRSP22000	Klamath Irrigation District	1956	2,501.75	\$ 75.75	\$ 189,507.56
KDRSP22001	Langell Valley Irrigation	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
KDRSP22002	Pioneer District IC	27	52.35	\$ 87.84	\$ 4,598.40
KDRSP22003	Enterprise Irrigation District	1539	1,707.71	\$ 10.00	\$ 185,809.57
KDRSP22004	Shasta View Irrigation District	4	6.85	\$ 176.00	\$ 1,205.60
KDRSP22005	Malin Irrigation District	39	24.7	\$ 118.00	\$ 2,914.60
KDRSP22006	Klamath Basin ID	280	429.24	\$ 56.00	\$ 24,037.44
KDRSP22007	Van Brimmer Ditch Company	19	29.7	\$ 30.00	\$ 891.31
Totals		3,864	4,752	-	\$ 408,964.48

Discuss and Approve Per Acre Rate for 2022 Claims

The board discussed funding. Moss Driscoll stated that there is no budget of 2023 but DRA should for to \$20 million for 2023. Mike McKoen asks Moss what will happen to the \$1.8 million that the DRA will have remaining from this year, should they try to spend it? It was stated that even if you pay everyone \$50 more an acre, there is not enough money. Mike interjected that \$450 does not keep anyone whole. Moss agreed, he stated that the funds will be de-obligated and goes back to the Regional fund as the contract is ending. He stated that hopefully there is some goodwill by Reclamation to recommit those funds back to the DRA in 2023. Mike Neuman stated that based on the 2019 figures, there is only \$6.9 million available. If reclamation can get the fiscal year changed to a physical year then there is more funds available.

Authorize Next Steps and/or Provide Staff guidance regarding processing, approval and payment 5. Next Steps

Motion: Approve payment of 2022 No Irrigation Small Parcel Program Applications in accordance with staff recommendation as set forth in table presented.

Motion by: Sam Henzel Second: Rob Unruh

Roll call:

Sam Henzel- Aye
 Paul Crawford- Aye
 Ryan Hartman-Aye
 Rob Unruh- Aye
 Mike McKoen- Aye

Motion Carried.

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Motion: Approve 2022 No Irrigation Program Applications for payment in accordance with staff recommendations, including recommended acres approved on each application, as set forth in Exhibit 1

Motion by: Sam Henzel Second: Rob Unruh

Roll call:

Sam Henzel- Aye
Paul Crawford- Aye
Ryan Hartman-Aye
Rob Unruh- Aye
Mike McKoen- Aye

Motion Carried.

Motion: Deny 2022 No Irrigation Program Applications in accordance with staff recommendations as set forth in Exhibit 2

Motion by: Sam Henzel Second: Rob Unruh

Roll call:

Sam Henzel- Aye
Paul Crawford- Aye
Ryan Hartman-Aye
Rob Unruh- Aye
Mike McKoen- Aye

Motion Carried.

Nathan Ratliff stated that he has letters ready to be processed for the approvals and denials. He feels it's realistic to get payment out in two weeks. The board discussed the pros and cons of processing payment in 2022 when there was 2021 checks issued in January 2022. After the discussion it was agreed that funds need to get out to people as soon as possible and they can work with their tax accountants on processing. Mike McKoen stated that is our responsibility to get the funds out to the public as soon as it is available, not monitor everyone's finances.

Motion: Approve payment of 2022 No Irrigation Program Applications at \$450 per acre for approved full season applicants, and at \$225 per acre for approved partial season applicants.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Ryan Hartman

Roll call:

Sam Henzel- Aye
Paul Crawford- Aye
Ryan Hartman-Aye
Rob Unruh- Aye
Mike McKoen- Aye

Motion Carried.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:06 pm.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Sam Henzel Second: Rob Unruh

Roll Call: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton  , President

Approved: Rob Unruh  , Secretary