

# Regular Meeting Minutes

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**Klamath Project Drought Response Agency  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 10, 2020  
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 Friday, January 10, 2020, at 10:30 pm at the KWUA conference room, located 735 Commercial Street, Klamath Falls Oregon.

## **ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Marc Staunton, Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford, Rob Unruh, Luke Robison (joined at 11:20)  
Guests: Mark Van Camp, Chelsea Shearer, Paul Simmons, Mark Johnson, John Hall, Bill Ganong, & Nathan Ratliff  
Media Presence: none

## Minutes

Consideration of September, 17, 2019 minutes was presented to the board. The present members suggested adjusting the by-laws to reflect a motion to allow one board member to authorized paying outstanding bills relating to regularly incurred expenses, including accounting fees, attorney fees, administrative fees relating to services by KWUA, engineering fees, mailbox rentals and insurance premiums.

Motion: To approve September 17, 2019, minutes as presented.

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Nathan also reminded the board that the issue of amending the by-laws to allow the President or Vice President to approve invoices and let two board members sign checks was presented in the last meeting and tabled. Nathan has made the proposed changes to the By-laws and is waiting for a motion to finalize that issue. The board has asked for more time.

## Discussion of Financial Report, Review/Approval of Outstanding Invoices

Nathan Ratliff stated that there was no financial report to accept. Marc Staunton stated there were outstanding invoices for DRA. Nathan stated there is a new bank statement available with a balance of \$1,873,727.38. There is not an up to date balance sheet from the CPA. However, Nathan Ratliff gave an overview of the bank statement. There was \$12,693.60 in checks presented to clear. \$15.94 in interest accrued. Total interest for 2019 is \$ 1,028.77. Nathan will get information on a money market account, which may result in better interest rates.

The auditor had to get an extension from the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. They are going through each application, and they have some questions on little things. Once the audit is complete, they will present us with a copy.

President moves item # 4 and #5 below # 6 to give Mr. Hall a chance to speak prior.

## Notification of Complaint by Jon Hall for 2018 Program

Mr. Hall filed a complaint to the DRA for entering 113.21 acres of land into the program. He did not apply for the program as he was unaware of the program due to his claim of a lack of advertising and is requesting that his claim be accepted and approved for the 2018 program. Mr. Hall stated that he had been to the FSA office in early 2018, he expressed his want to apply for that to Laura Hall in April or May, and she said they didn't know if there was a program. He stated after that, he did not pursue it and got busy working. He heard in early 2019 that money had already been distributed and that he missed out and was told it was too late. He did learn that it was advertised for a short three week period via radio and newspaper, which he does not subscribe to nor

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listen to. He also stated that the district managers were encouraged by the DRA to let patrons know of a program. Pinegrove, KBID, Enterprise, all failed to notify me. He is requesting that he be considered for the program and the money he feels he's entitled to be paid for had he applied. Marc Staunton asked him to clarify if he read the program and if he felt he qualified under the program's qualifications.

Mr. Ratliff suggested that the board ask all the questions they need of Mr. Hall, then to move the discussion to the executive session. Mr. Ratliff will send the final summary report of the program to Mr. Hall. Mr. Hall thanked them for his time and reminded the board that three weeks is a short period to allow applications.

Luke joined the Meeting at 11:20 am

### Consideration of amended By-Laws

Changes to amending by-Laws related to the rotation of board members ensued, including time limits and staggered board elections suggested by Luke Robison along with how to involve KWUA in the board. There is a concern that by-Laws do not address issues such as the past KWAPA and KWUA board issues.

Luther makes a motion to accept the proposed by-law amendment; after discussion, Luther withdraws his motion. Rob Unruh asks if this issue can be delayed for one month, and asks the board to join the work session of KWUA on January 15, 2020, to discuss the concerns arising.

Motion: To have a work session in conjunction KWUA at 10 am at KCC in building 7.

Motion by: Luther Horsley Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

### Consideration of Future operations of DRA

Paul Simmons stated that KWUA is working on getting funding allowed. The Klamath County commissioners sent a letter to Jeff Nettleton at the area office asking Reclamation to request plus up funding be made available for the Project. The commissioner's learned that Reclamation asked for and received plus up money but did not ask for any to go to water bank funding. Paul requested that the DRA contact Bob Gasser and Nick Strader on this and see if they can get Mr. Walden's help on funds as they did in 2018.

Marc also discussed how the DRA may use the Carbon Tax credit and how that would help the DRA leave a negative footprint. Paul will speak to Dan Keppen on the options to the carbon tax issue.

The board discussed options for a 2020 groundwater pumping program and asked if MBK could review and update the application for groundwater pumping only.

Motion: Authorize MBK to do early work on preparing for a 2020 groundwater program that could be used before April not to exceed \$10,000.

Motion by: Luther Horsley Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

Nathan stated while he knows that we don't have funding to use for 2020, the board still needs to think about creating a budget for 2020, which has been requested by special districts for insurance purposes.

The board entered into Executive Session at 12:30 pm

Action Item resulting from Executive Session- Nathan Ratliff will notify Mr. Hall that he will be on the next board meeting agenda to discuss his claim.

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Being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned the Meeting at 12:46 pm.

### Next Meeting

*The next meeting will be held on February 12, 2020 at 10 am at KWUA board room.*

Motion: To adjourn meeting.

Motion by: Rob Unruh

Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton S. L. M. S. L. L., President

Approved: Rob Unruh Rob Unruh, Secretary