

Regular Meeting Minutes

**Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Regular Board Meeting
February 18, 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 3:09 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, Mike McKoen, and Jerry Enman
Guests: Gene Souza, Moss Driscoll, Mark Van Camp, Nick Grounds, Chelsea Shearer, Paul Simmons (via phone), Mark Johnson, Bill Ganong, Brad Kirby, Kyle Knutson, Tyler, Gary Derry & Nathan Ratliff
Media Presence: none

Minutes

No minutes for consideration.

Discussion of Financial Report, Review/Approval of Outstanding Invoices

Nathan Ratliff stated that there the CPA believes there may be a less strenuous audit process that could, in turn, cost less. The CPA believes the only audit required is the one for the Oregon Secretary of State. Nathan also stated that the auditor found \$30,000 in expenses as long as they stay in budget.

Motion: To have the CPA research the \$30,000 in expenses as long as it doesn't go over budget.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

The current financial report is in the packet; there are invoices to pay, there is an error of a duplicate KWUA invoice, only one is valid to pay.

Motion: To pay current invoices

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

Consideration of Future Operations of DRA

Moss Driscoll from Reclamation stated that there is \$9 million authorized to the Klamath for consultation activities and water management. Reclamation has planned on \$8 million for water management activities for the DRA. He also indicated that it would be difficult to justify any changes in the dollar per acre-foot. To secure the contract is executed in the quickest matter, he would recommend no changes to the 2018 contract. Moss will try to be assigned a point person for the contract. Items still needed before Reclamation can authorize the contract are letters from both governors giving them access under the act. Also, the Commissioner needs to approve that and then delegate it to the local office. Paul Simmons stated that KWUA and county officials have both sent requests to each governor to declare a drought.

\$8.3 million is equivalent to 23,000 acre-feet of Project supply be made available of FWLS to fulfill the contract. Irrigation on lease lands in TID will have a benefit once the contract is in place to have a certain water count.

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MBK looked into the groundwater portion of the 2018 program; Kyle Knutson stated that he looked at wells from 2015 and 2018 programs and only a few had flow meters. In 2015 the May- Sept early range pumped about 9-12 thousand Acre Feet (TAF). In 2018

Mark VanCamp suggested that 2020 should reflect the same parameters as 2018.

Motion: Authorize the generation of an RFP to send out.

Motion by: Luther Horsley Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

At 4:45 pm McKoen, Chelsea Shearer, and Rob Unruh all leave the meeting.

Gary Derry suggested starting work toward both a groundwater program and a land idling program such a the 2015.

Rob Returned to the meeting.

Jerry Enman volunteered to develop a RFP and contracts for a groundwater program.

Motion: To develop draft land idling contracts for review and/or approval by the Board based upon the 2015 and 2018 Program.

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

Motion: To allow a formation of Subcommittee of Marc, Jerry, and Paul to Review and Score RFP Responses to make recommendation to the Board.

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

Send the same three firms as 2018 the RFP's.

Motion: To designate the same three firms to send the RFP to as in 2018.

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

Motion: Allow the same subcommittee members designated to Public Communication Subcommittee to work with counsel and MBK to work on drafting public communications.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Paul Crawford

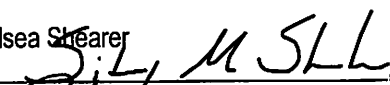
Motion Carried.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Next Meeting

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

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton , President

Approved: Rob Unruh , Secretary