

Regular Meeting Minutes

Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Special Board Meeting
April 23, 2020
10:00 am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Marc Staunton, the President, called the Special scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 10:06 am via the on-line conference platform called Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Marc Staunton, Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford, Rob Unruh, Mike McKoen, and Jerry Enman

Guests: Gene Souza, Moss Driscoll, Marc Van Camp, Chelsea Shearer, Paul Simmons, Kyle Knutson, Scott White, Brad Kirby, & Nathan Ratliff

Media Presence: none

Agenda

The board was presented with the April 23 Special meeting agenda and was approved by consensus.

Nathan Ratliff reviews and updated the board on the lawsuit(s) status regarding the Project.

Discuss Concerns Regarding Participation in Programs

Kyle stated that there were only about 2,000 acres of applications so far. There are many of the same questions being asked over and over. It is recommended that a FAQ be developed and published to help answer some of the frequent questions.

Paul Simmons updated the board on the current legal issues.

Nathan Ratliff will draft a resolution to give to the four founding irrigation boards regarding Barnes Agency.

Motion: To approve Nathan to draft a resolution for the districts for approval/support of the Barnes Agency

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Jerry Enman

Motion Carried.

Motion: To designate 1 or 2 board members to approve the FAQ without complete board. Jerry and Marc can approve and post on website.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Update for Bureau contract for 2020

Nathan Ratliff also suggested that we re-ratify that two people can approve the water availability proposals. In 2018 it was Luther and Marc. Luther suggested allowing a third person.

Motion: To approve either of the designees to have authority to authorize water availability proposals to the Bureau under the Contract.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Paul Crawford

Discussion results in an amendment by Jerry Enman to his motion: to include Rob Unruh as a third person to authorize water availability proposals.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

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Nathan states that the DRA has the authority to request information from OWRD regarding water transfers. He is working with Danni Watson of the OWRD on what water transfer could be made in relation to stored/instream water. Jerry Enman stated that DRA has the authority as a district to make this request for information, and if the DRA doesn't KID is prepared to make it.

Kyle states that the program is not getting a lot of groundwater pumping applications. Marc Staunton requests that he reach out to the ten most productive wells in the basin. Rob agrees that we should take the money we have and contract with the people on the list that MBK states are the most efficient wells (based on 2015 KWAPA data). He suggests offering them power plus \$20.

MBK/Counsel can draft a special program to offer these specific wells. Brad request that they start paying as of April 15 on wells. Motion: To direct MBK and legal counsel to draft a contract of power plus \$20 an acre-foot with self-verification and spot-checking to the select group of wells, with pumping upon execution of the contract for approval by the Board, along with information regarding the 50 most efficient wells identified based upon prior information.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Mike McKoen

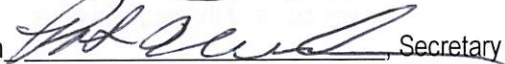
Motion Carried.

DRA will hold a special meeting next Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 12:53 pm.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton  , President

Approved: Rob Unruh  , Secretary