

# Regular Meeting Minutes

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Klamath Project Drought Response Agency  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 12, 2020  
9:00 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, 9:10 am, August 12, 2020, at 9:00 am at KWUA boardroom at 2312 South Sixth Street and via the online conference platform called Zoom.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Marc Staunton, Luther Horsley, Jerry Enman, Paul Crawford, Rob Unruh, and Mike McKoen  
Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Paul Simmons, Mark Johnson, Kyle Knutson, Gene Souza, Brad Kirby, Nathan Ratliff, Bill Ganong, Moss Dricoll, Ronald Down, Scott White (joined at 10:35), and Pat Nue.  
Media Presence: none

Marc calls the meeting into Executive Session at 9:13 am pursuant to ORS 22.66(2) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties with regard to current or pending litigation. Board allows all present to stay with the exception of Moss Driscoll. The board exited Executive Session at 10:07 am. The board will take no action and wait to see what is presented by Brandness & Bradness.

## Minutes

No minutes to review.

## Financials

Marc stated that the DRA is trying to gain online access. It has proven more difficult than anticipated. Nathan stated that the DRA had not received the bank statement yet; however, Marc was able to get July Bank Statement this am, which showed the 3.9 million dollars was received for the two Reclamation notices. US bank has many fees associated with online banking access, fee are \$11 monthly and paper statements are \$5.00 per month. It is suggested that the DRA get board members set up for online viewing access. Currently, there is \$5.626 million in the Us Bank account. The board requested that a Profit and Loss be provided next month.

Motion: To authorize payment of bank fees and online access for Rob Unruh, Marc Staunton, Nathan Ratliff, and Amy Chipman

Motion by: Mike McKoen                      Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the financials as presented and pay the outstanding invoices.

Motion by: Mike McKoen                      Second: Mike McKoen

Motion Carried.

## Discussion of Status of DRA Funding under BOR Contract

Reclamation accepted DRA's invoice for Straights Drain pumping and the UKL credit. Total invoicing is about \$3.9 million. Brad Kirby and Moss Driscoll have been working together; however, Reclamation has not issued a credit on the invoices. There is currently a transfer from Barnes Agency through KDD occurring at 25-35 cfs. The current credit is ≈1,000 AF. Credit for Sump 1B pump 10A, Fish and Wildlife requested to draw down to promote vegetation growth and waterfowl food, pumping over to sump 1A. Brad stated that pump 10A is no longer pumping; potentially, lease land flooding may be an outlet source for funding.

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The board discussed options. It was agreed on that the DRA will set a special meeting on August 14 with one agenda item precisely to recommend districts to stop sending water to the Refuge ASAP because Reclamation has not credited DRA. The DRA will strongly urge KDD to shut down water to the Refuge in approval not received by 5 pm on Friday.

*Action Item: Nathan will draft a letter today to Reclamation, stating that we have noticed a meeting saying that DRA will suggest that all districts cease any pumping to the Refuge until the credit is approved.*

**Motion: To approve Nathan to draft a letter to Reclamation stating that the DRA will strongly urge KDD to shut down water to The Refuge in approval not received by 5 pm on Friday.**

**Motion by: Mike McKoen                      Second: Luther Horsley**

**Motion Carried.**

### Discussion of Administration of Previously Approved Programs

#### 2020 KPDRA DRAFT Non-Irrigation Program Summary (through September 8, 2020)

The DRA three non-irrigation programs currently running

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u># Applicants</u>	<u>No. Acres</u>
<u>Non- Irrigation</u>			
Full-Season	11/01/2019 – 10/31/2020	435	30,369
Partial Season	03/01/2020 – 10/31/2020	52	4,575
	<i>Did not identify season</i>	10	183
Limited Season	05/12/2020 – 10/31/2020	31	1,435
	<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>36,562</b>

MBK has reviewed approx. 31,400 of these acres.

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u># Applicants</u>
<u>Groundwater</u>		
Power Plus	Similar to 2018: power + X%	117
Focused (Top 30)	Similar to 2015: power + \$20/AF	30
	<b>Sub-Total: 147</b>	
	<b>Total Applications: 675</b>	

#### Non-Irrigation Summary By District/Entity

<u>District/Entity</u>	<u>No. Acres</u>
KID/KBID	9,832
KDD	10,101
TID	9,700
Other	6,929
<b>Total:</b>	<b>36,562</b>

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## 2020 KPDRA Groundwater Summary By District/Entity (through September 8, 2020)

<u>District/Entity</u>	<u>Applications (# wells)</u>
KID	39
TID	55
Other	53
<b>Total:</b>	<b>147</b>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Power Bills (\$)</b>
Groundwater Supplementation Program	
<b>Apr – Jun Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$669,762.18</b>
Other Received Bills	\$271,271.60
Estimated Demand Charge	\$158,680.99
Sub-Total	\$1,099,714.77
Focused Program	
<b>April – June</b>	<b>\$117,020.70</b>
Other Received Bills	\$110,308.30
Estimated Demand Charge	\$26,058.94
Sub-Total	\$253,387.94
<b>Total April – June</b>	<b>\$786,782.90</b>
Total (April – June, July, Est Dem.)	\$1,353,102.71

Kyle Knutson stated that there had been no withdraws at this time, so the numbers remain the same. Some board members were concerned that there may be dropouts of non irrigated lands as there have been no dollar amounts associated with the program. Closing date of October 31 for the groundwater program will remain for now.

### Domestic Well Mitigation Program

KWUA will help gather information and get information out. The board will review the proposed language of the Drought Mitigation Program. There will be a standard of verification for the program created by Nathan Ratliff and will be reviewed next meeting. A possible closing date of December 31 will be determined at the next meeting.

The board decided to combine the October and November board meeting into one meeting with will be scheduled for October 28 at 1 pm.

Motion: To combine October and November meetings.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

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Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton  , President

Approved: Rob Unruh  , Secretary