

# Regular Meeting Minutes

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**Klamath Project Drought Response Agency  
Regular Board Meeting  
June 8, 2020  
2:00 pm**

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Rob Unruh, the Secretary, called the regular scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 2:11 pm via the on-line conference platform called Zoom.

## **ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Marc Staunton (joined at 2:30), Luther Horsley, Rob Unruh, Paul Crawford, and Mike McKoen  
Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Paul Simmons, Kyle Knutson, Brad Kirby, Gene Souza, Nathan Ratliff, Marc Van Camp, Moss Driscoll, Brad Kirby, Gene Richardson, Yanick Dejong, 541-891-1237, and station 6 (name unknown).  
Media Presence: none

## Agenda

Paul Crawford suggested that domestic well pumping be added to the agenda. Nathan Ratliff stated it could be discussed under KDD, as it was sufficiently noticed.

Motion: To approve the agenda with no changes.

Motion by: Luther Horsley                      Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

## Minutes to consider

Marc Van Camp stated that there were a few changes to be made. On April 10 & 23 minutes, Marc's name is misspelled.

April 23, under discuss concerns regarding participation in programs, reads 2,000 applications, it should read 2,000 acres. On page two, it reads, "MBK can draft a special program to offer these specific wells. Brad request that they start paying as of April 15 on wells." To clarify, it should read; "MBK can draft a special program to offer to the most efficient wells based on 2015 KWAPA data." Brad requests that they start paying as of April 15 on wells.

April 28, minutes motion to approve a contract for legal and engineering services should read Mike McKoen, not Crawford.

The last entry states that May 11 is the next meeting, but the next set of minutes is May 6. Bill Ganong stated that at that time, the entry is correct. A meeting was added after.

Motion: To approve minutes with amendments.

Motion by: Mike McKoen                      Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

Rob Unruh turns over meeting to Marc Staunton, who resides for the remainder of the meeting.

## Financials

Nathan stated that there is \$1.823 million in the account. There was no other question on financials. The auditor was interested in whether the board was going to write off the issues brought forth prior with overpays and short pays. The board agrees to write off and leave the audit as is.

Motion: To accept the audit and approve financials as presented, and writing off the noted discrepancies due to the small amounts at issue.

Motion by: Luther Horsley                      Second: Mike McKoen

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Motion Carried.

## Discussion of Status of DRA Funding under BOR Contract

Moss Driscoll stated that management hasn't approved the contract yet but the program is anticipated to be approved. Paul Simmons from KWUA gave the board an update on KWUA activities with USDA funds.

## Discussion of Administration of Previously Approved Programs

MBK staff presented a summary sheet of applications accepted so far.

- 307 applications for full season (22,200 acres)
- 43 partial season (4,500 acres)
- Nine new limited season (700 acres)
- 11 applications for groundwater
- 29 focused well contracts

Kyle stated that they are coordinating with districts on the well pumpers in TID and KID.

There was a board consensus to mail a letter out to applicants that their application was received and processed to help eliminate doubt.

Motion: To approve letter and get it drafted by tomorrow (June 9).

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Discussion on domestic well impacts took place. Lee Sukraw is pumping under the groundwater contract. He has been pumping large amounts of water, however, he is only pumping at 60% of what his well is capable of. His neighbor Gene Richards well is running dry when Lee pumps. Lee turned off his well, and within two days, Mr. Richardson domestic well recharged with water. Lee did not partake in KWAPA pumping programs. KDD manager, Scott White, is going to attempt to get measurements on wells. At this time, Mr. Richards does not know if he can lower his pump. Lee has declined to continue pumping for the program in the interest of his neighbors.

Bill Ganong recapped what KWAPA paid for domestic wells (75% up to \$10,000). Nathan Ratliff recommends to Mr. Richardson that he start making calls to who he feels should enforce his water rights, starting with OWRD.

The board will review the 2015 KWAPA policy and see how it relates to the 2020 programs.

Motion: To approve a domestic well program paying 50% up to \$5,000, based on the terms of the 2015 KWAPA program.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Paul Crawford

Discussion: Luther Horsley calls vote to question, Mike McKoen stated that he could not vote on a policy he has not reviewed. Rob Unruh stated that if funding for 2020 happens then, they could increase the dollar amount.

Motion Votes: Mike McKoen-Abstain, yes vote- Marc Staunton, Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

## Further discussion of John Hall matter, Authorize Action

The board discussed the issue of John Hall, the board agrees that legal counsel will draft a letter stating that the DRA will not take Action of his request.

Motion: To send a letter to John Hall of decision.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

## Consideration of Amended By-Laws, relating to rotations of board members, etc.

Up for consideration is a rotation of board members. Ideally, Rob would like to see this voted on when there is a supermajority. Mike McKoen leaves the meeting; a quorum remains with Marc Staunton voting. This Action will be on the next agenda for voting.

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The next meeting in July will be scheduled at a later date.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 4:34 pm.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Rob Unruh      Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton , President

Approved: Rob Unruh , Secretary