

Special Meeting Minutes

Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Special Board Meeting
December 21, 2020
3:00 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Marc Staunton, the President, called the Special Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Wednesday, December 21 2020, at 3:11 pm at 2312 South Sixth Street and via the on-line conference platform called Zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Paul Simmons, Kyle Knutson, Gene Souza, Nathan Ratliff, Bill Ganong, Marc VanCamp, Ron McGill, Mark Johnson, and Pat Neu

Media Presence: none

Agenda

A special board meeting was set so that some tasks needed attention if financials did not change. There was also the need for some motions to be cleared up based on staff opinions. Legal counsel advised roll call votes for every motion, and motions will be typed out and projected so that board is clear on how the motion reads.

Review Pending Drought Relief Applications, and those with Updated Information/Vote on Approval

Staff recommended the board approve the four applications (D00251, D00252, D00481, D00482) for the lesser of the acreage applied for the MBK calculated acreage.

Mark VanCamp stated they were tasked with verifying the four applicants using USGS imagery, precipitation records, and phone calls. Staff felt confident it was verified properly, and none applied water. Staff stated they have all meet the criteria to be approved. One applicant withdrew about 5 acres of the land, which is why they are not on the list.

Motion: To Approve the four applications (D00251, D00252, D00481, D00482) for the lesser of the acreage applied for or the MBK calculated acreage.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Luther Horsley

Roll Call: Ayes Vote: Marc Staunton, Rob Unruh, Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford, Rob Unruh, Mike McKoen

Abstain Vote: none

Negative Vote: none

Majority Vote: Ayes: Motion Carried.

Motion: Direct staff to identify in its report on the 2020 Programs the issue of lands possibly not incorporated in Reclamation's Project supply that meets the current policy.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Luther Horsley

Roll Call: Ayes Vote: Marc Staunton, Rob Unruh, Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford, Rob Unruh, Mike McKoen

Abstain Vote: none

Negative Vote: none

Majority Vote: Ayes: Motion Carried.

A discussion of modifications to Unirrigated Lands Programs ensued.

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Motion: To Approve Drought Relief and Limited Irrigation Program applications in accordance with the updated table provided by MBK Engineers on December 21, 2020, of acreages which uses the staff calculated acreages and not the District's mapped acreage, were different, and which incorporates acreages reduced by a district as not meeting the unirrigated land program policy.

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Rob Unruh

Roll Call: Ayes Vote: Rob Unruh, Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford, Rob Unruh, Mike McKoen

Abstain Vote: none

Negative Vote: Marc Staunton

Majority Vote: Ayes: Motion Carried.

Review Pending Woodhouse Domestic Well Application/Vote On Approval

Application DWP05 was brought to the board as a pending domestic well application. Nathan stated that he spoke with the applicant, and they indicated that the well is used for livestock, and she used some city water on the house. The applicant stated that the application says livestock/domestic well. Mike McKien does not believe this is the program's intent; if approved, he knows of five other wells in the same situation. Luther agrees with Mike. A motion to deny the application is presented. Further discussion continues; Paul Crawford agrees it's not the spirit but believes it should be paid as the policy language is not clear. Marc S also stated that he doesn't believe the applicant is working the program; he just thinks it's not clear enough.

Motion: To deny application DWP05.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Rob Unruh

Roll Call: Ayes Vote: Rob Unruh, Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford, Rob Unruh, Mike McKoen

Abstain Vote: none

Negative Vote: Marc Staunton

Majority Vote: Ayes: Motion Carried.

Discuss Domestic Well Program Work Completion Deadline/Vote On Appropriate Action

Nathan stated that applicants have contacted drillers and have estimated, but the driller cannot have work done by the December 31 deadline. Nathan suggested that instead of extending the deadline, a signed estimate or contract with the driller may be enough not to extend the program so others can't get into the program. Rob Unruh stated that we should move the deadline to January 10, with the addition that work is completed by March with confirmation of completion. Nathan's office staff will let applicants know of the extension.

Motion: For DWP applicants who have timely submitted applications approved for contracting in accordance with the policy, extend the work completion deadline to March 31, 2021, provided applicants present documentation evidencing an intent to contract, and make payment to an appropriate service provider by no later than January 10, 2021.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Paul Crawford

Roll Call: Ayes Vote: Rob Unruh, Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford, Rob Unruh, Mike McKoen, Marc Staunton

Abstain Vote: none

Negative Vote: none

Majority Vote: Ayes: Motion Carried.

Review Budget Information/ Vote on Approval of Price Per Acre and Power Plus Reimbursement Percentage for Approved Applicants for Drought Relief and Groundwater Programs

The staff has reviewed prior motions from other board meetings and suggested the board make a clarifying motion regarding Agenda Item # 5.

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Motion: To Approve payment of qualified 2020 Groundwater Supplementation Program participants in the amount of accepted power bills, plus 10%, Full Season Drought Response participants at \$185 per acre, and Partial Season Drought Response and Limited Irrigation Drought Program Participants at \$123.95 per acre.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Paul Crawford

Roll Call: Ayes Vote: Rob Unruh, Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford, Rob Unruh, Marc Staunton

Abstain Vote: none

Negative Vote: Mike McKoen

Majority Vote: Ayes: Motion Carried.

Public Comment: none

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

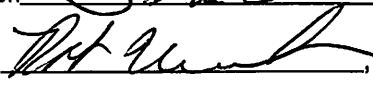
Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton  , President

Approved: Rob Unruh  , Secretary