Regular Meeting Minutes

Klamath Project Drought Response Agency Special Board Meeting February 16, 2021 12:00 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Marc Staunton, President, called the Special Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 12:00 pm at 2312 South Sixth Street and via the on-line conference platform called Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford, Jerry Enmnan, Marc Staunton, Mike McKoen, and Rob Unruh Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Nathan Ratliff, Marc VanCamp, Pat Neu, Mike Neuman, Moss Driscoll, Ron McGill, Jenneke, Paul Simmons, and Brad Kirby

A special board meeting was called to Confer with representatives of the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, to discuss Application to Department of Interior for funding of KPDRA draught response programs and approve initial application for grant. The board will also appointment of person to KPDRA board of directors.

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The board gathered to discuss the Grant and COOP agreement. The details are summarizes as the following: It is expected that KPDRA will work closely with Reclamation to develop its drought response programs for 2021. Therefore, this financial assistance would be issued in the form of a cooperative agreement. It is also expected that prior to the date of award of this financial assistance, Reclamation will have announced at least a preliminary estimate of the available Project water supply for 2021, which will enable an estimate of the gap between supply and irrigation water demand that the KPDRA's programs are requested to fill. With awarded funds, the KPDRA will establish and administer programs to reduce demand for Project water by an increment as close as is practicable to the estimated water supply gap, and to maximize the economic benefit of available supplies. KPDRA anticipates the programs which might be implemented to achieve these goals to include compensated land idling and groundwater pumping (subject to the Enhancement Act's limitations). Mike Neuman with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) likes the 2018-2019 description and details included in the application. He suggested that the KPDRA slim it down some. Mike McKoen stated that he feels the benefits are good as agriculture is a prime stability of the Basin.

Motion: Motion to designate Jerry Enman to authorize final draft application for 2021 BOR DOI approval form, a prerequisite for 2021 grant application.

Motion by: Luther Horsley Second: Mike McKoen

Motion Carried.

Paul Crawford left the meeting.

The board chose to table the replacement board member as Luke Robinson has not officially resigned as well as the discussion of agenda items.

Motion: Motion to table discussion of agenda item.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Mike McKoen

Motion Carried.

Public comment none.

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Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 1:06 pm.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Mike Mckoen Second: Jerry Enman

Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton President

Approved: Rob Unruh______, Secretary