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**Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Special Board Meeting
March 1, 2021
1:00 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 Tuesday, March 1, 2021, at 1:00 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, Jerry Enmnan, and Mike McKoen

Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Paul Simmons, Kyle Knutson, Gene Souza, Brad Kirby, Nathan Ratliff, Bill Ganong, Haley Grohs, Marc VanCamp, Pat Neu, Mike Neuman, Moss Driscoll, Paul Simmons, and Kraig Beasley.

Media Presence: none

Nathan stated that after the last meeting, Reclamation (BOR) could gather more information on Eastside program inclusion, to consider grant documents for suggestions and for further discussion regarding program policies. The following items need clarification from the board. (1) Inclusion/Exclusion of East Side; (2) Application Deadlines; (3) Program Start Date for Winter Irrigation Program (currently set at March 1); and (4) Budget Decision regarding possible price per acre, \$400 x less acres, or \$350 and more acres (KPWU funding docs have recently sought \$350 acres).

Moss Driscoll explained that he has spoken with Reclamation management, and there are still questions to be resolved. They are expecting shortages on the Eastside, and he recommends that the DRA grant purposal include Eastside so that it is all-inclusive. Otherwise, he fears it will be denied based on project exclusion. Adding Eastside will exacerbate the need for at least \$10 million as programs will need more supply. Moss stated that Reclamation would like the grant papers this week so that they can try to expedite the process to weeks instead of the typical 4-6 months.

Reclamation is anticipating a release request from the Westside, asking for East Side water which will result in a shortage on the East Side. Moss Stated that Reclamation recognizes there is a need for the programs as early as possible, and that is Reclamation's primary objective right now.

Nathan Ratliff asks the board about application dates. The Grant work currently states that the grant application dates are March 1 through October 31; being that today is March 1, Nathan wanted to discuss a potential change. Luther stated that there is a lot of recirculation happening in KDD and if you change the dates, that will make KDD short of finishing their winter program. He continued that if the DRA chooses today's date, they will cut people off who are using recirculation water. The board is reminded from Moss that the programs will be flexible once things are approved. Marc recommends that if that's the case, the DRA should keep the dates and deal with it when the program is approved. Luther and Paul concur to leave the dates and change them later if needed. Staff stated that they would need a motion to do this.

Paul Simmons suggests the date of April 1 or three weeks after the approval of the grant, whichever is later. The board agrees to file an April 1 date would be best. Bill Ganong interjects that the DRA needs to have documents out for people to sign up; if you choose April 1 you don't have much lead time and may miss people, as has happened before. Board reconsiders and accepts the April 15 date. The entire board agrees.

Bill Ganong addressed the question on a budget decision regarding possible price per acre, \$400 per less acres, or \$350 and more acres. KWUA funding docs have recently sought \$350 acres, yet the DRA budget is stating \$400. He is concerned of conflicting messages. KWUA has been pushing for more money with the CCC and using \$350 an acre. The DRA is requesting \$10

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million though the grant, and they may be eligible for an additional \$10 million (\$20 million total), however Bill stated that they really need and additional \$20 million to meet the need of the Basin this year, recognizing that additional funds would have to come from other sources.

Marc Staunton leaves the meeting. Jerry Enman presides over the floor.

Motion: Motion to Amend Existing 2021 Proposed Policies and Grant Application to Include East Side Irrigators.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

Motion: Motion to Use April 15, 2021 as Application Deadline for 2021 Programs

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

Motion: Motion to Include \$350/Acre for No Irrigation program in application \$20 with million budget

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

Motion: Motion to Approve Existing 2021 Preliminary Program Policies as presented by Staff and revised by Board for Groundwater Supplementation, No Irrigation and Winter Irrigation Programs for purpose of prompt grant submission

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Motion: Motion to Approve 2021 BOR Grant Application Documents for Submission as presented by Staff

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Motion: Motion to Authorize Marc Staunton to Approve Necessary Revisions to Approved 2021 Program Policies and 2021 Grant Application Documents in order to Finalize Grant Submission

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Jerry opened the floor to public comment, no comments given.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 3:02 pm.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Mike McKoen

Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton  , President

Approved: Rob Unruh  , Secretary