

Regular Meeting Minutes

**Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Special Board Meeting
November 23, 2021
10:00 am**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Rob Unruh, the Secretary, called the Special scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 10:15 am at KWUA boardroom at 2312 South Sixth Street and via the online conference platform called Zoom. President and Vice President are present but attending via a zoom connection, therefore the Secretary is presiding over the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Marc Staunton, Luther Horsley, Jerry Enman, Paul Crawford, and Mike McKoen
Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Kyle Knutson, Gene Souza, Nathan Ratliff, Bill Ganong, Megan Peterson, Paul Simmons, Brad Kirby, and Pat Nue.

Media Presence: None

Public Comment

No public comment

Review Prior Meeting Minutes

The Board was presented with the September and October minutes for review.

Motion: To approve September and October minutes as presented.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Paul Crawford

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Aye

Motion Carried.

Motion:

To combine item number 9 with item number 7 on the agenda.

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Luther Horsley

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Aye

Motion Carried

Review/Approve Financial Statement, Payment of Outstanding Invoices

Nathan stated that there are no updates on the banking or statements. He stated that all the USDA Cares money has been deposited in the account and is ready to be disbursed.

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

Motion by: Luther Horsley Second: Jerry Enman

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Aye

Motion Carried.

Receive CARES Act Assistance Program Application Summary

The Board was presented with applications that MBK staff recommended for approval and denials. Staff reported that the CARES program is the largest program to date with a total of 450 applications and 2,284 field lots entered. The program was broken into six categories; (1) Full Reimbursement, (2) Partial Reimbursement, (3) Applications Submitted After 10/15/2021 (Late), (4) Withdrawn Applications (5) In-Eligible Districts, (6) Outside FOD & Exceptions.

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Application Summary:

Categories	Fields	Applied Acres	Approved Acres
1- Full Reimbursement	959	57,609.1	57,609.1
2- Partial Reimbursement	1,137	77,829.0	69,142.5
3 -Late Application	2	88.0	0
4- Withdrawn	81	4,762.0	0
5- In-Eligible District	27	2,656.3	0
6- Outside FOD & Exceptions	31	28,621.7	0
7 -Overlapping	2	169.4	0
8 -Area K	34	4,461.2	0
9- Less Than 5 Acres	11	115.1	0
Total -	2,284	176,311.9	126,751.6

Staff recommends approving Cat 1 & 2 for 126,751.6 acres. Staff stated that the two applications in Cat 3 were from LVID and would have been in Cat 5 if they were submitted in time.

Motion: To approve parcels for payment as included in Categories 1 and 2 of materials presented to Board (Parcels for Full and Partial Reimbursement) based upon acreage recommended by staff, except App Number CA0424-02.

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Jerry Enman

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Aye

Motion Carried

Motion: To deny parcels as presented included in Categories 3, Late Application, 4, Withdrawn, 5 Ineligible District, 6, Outside FOD and Exceptions, 8, Area K and 9, Less than 5 acres, as ineligible per policy.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Paul Crawford

Roll Call Vote:

Luther: Abstained

Marc: Aye

Jerry: Aye

Paul: Aye

Rob: Aye

Motion Carried

Take no action on Overlapping Applications, subject to receipt of additional information from Applicants.

Motion: To Approve payment on CARES Act Applications Approved Acres at \$116/Acre and authorize staff to proceed with payment processing

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Jerry Enman

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Aye

Motion Carried

Review Status of Bureau of Reclamation Grant Programs

The Board discussed in-depth and what to do with the extra \$5 million. Marc Staunton asked the Board what their thoughts were on for usage of the additional \$5 million that Reclamation has granted and proposed the potential use for domestic wells. He & Paul Simmons reached out to Klamath County Commissioner Morris and DeGroot and provided information for the request to the Governor's office which included Domestic Well mitigation funds. There is a meeting set for the 29th with the Governor's office. The Board will defer discussions of doing a well mitigation program until the state decides on the County's request.

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Discuss Long Term Agreement with Bureau of Reclamation

Mike Neuman stated that Reclamation wants a program with a five year-term instead of the short one term. They have funds obligated and would like to not be in the tradition of rushing contracts, and would like to reduce the anxiety this causes everyone. Mike Neuman went on to state that is it important for Reclamation to address short-term needs, but in the long-term to strengthen drought resiliency.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 12:52 pm.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.


Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be December 9, 2021, at a time to be determined.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton , President

Approved: Rob Unruh , Secretary