

# Regular Meeting Minutes

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Klamath Project Drought Response Agency

Special Board Meeting

April 10, 2020

9:00 am

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Marc Staunton, the President, called the Special scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Friday, April 10, 2020, at 9:12 am via the on-line conference platform called Zoom.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Marc Staunton, Luther Horsley, Paul Crawford, Rob Unruh, Luke Robison, Mike McKoen, and Jerry Enman

Guests: Gene Souza, Moss Driscoll, Marc Van Camp, Chelsea Shearer, Paul Simmons, Bill Ganong, Megan Peterson, Kyle Knutson, Regan Desmond, Haley Grohs, Scott White, Brad Kirby, Sam Henzel & Nathan Ratliff

Media Presence: none

## Agenda

The board was presented with the Special meeting agenda; it was suggested moving approval of minutes to the end of the meeting for timing purposes.

Motion: To approve the agenda with change.

Motion by: Mike McKoen                      Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

## Discuss & Approve 2020 Land Idling/Drought Relief Program

There was a concern of the name land idling; it was recommended that since there is a lack of water, calling the program "drought mitigation" or "drought relief" would help bring awareness to the issue at hand. Luther would like to see a tiered styled program. Clarification on ready, willing, and able means assessments are paid in full.

It is recommended that the language in the ground watering program reflects the same language in the land idling program relating to payment of assessments

Motion: To approve amended the groundwater policy to reflect the same language as in the land idling program relating to payment of assessments

Motion by: Luther Horsley                      Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

Under section B., dates of November 1, 2019- October 31, 2020; Luther is concerned since KDD and TID allowed irrigation until November 30, 2020 under the standard spring-summer allocation; it will make those lands ineligible. Discussion led to the request of having MBK draft a partial year program with a partial payment.

Motion: To approve MBK and legal counsel to craft a program that pays 100% if not irrigated after October 31, 2019, and 50% if irrigated after

November 1, 2019 and past at 50 %

Motion by: Mike McKoen                      Second: Paul Crawford

The discussion leads to an amendment to include a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> payment instead of 50 %

Motion: To amend the motion to partial season (irrigated after November 1) payment to 67%

Motion by: Mike McKoen                      Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

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### Update for Bureau contract for 2020

Moss Driscoll with Reclamation, stated that the contract should be able to be presented next week. A discussion regarding potentially moving the date of deadlines, the land idling program should reflect the same as the groundwater program. It was concluded that having both program deadlines be May 15 is best.

Motion: To authorize modifying the ground water program to reflect the deadline of May 15 for both programs

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Mike McKoen

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the 2020 land idling program as amended, including draft policy documents presented by staff.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Paul Crawford

Motion Carried

### Audit- Consideration regarding additional review by Auditor

Nathan presented the auditor report. There were a few issues to resolve involving over and underpayments. The board was presented with the amounts but not the names of who the payments were for. Jerry recommended that the DRA not try to recoup additional payment of the overpayment nor to try to fix underpayment.

Motion: To approve the audit and not recoup and additional payment from overpayments nor fix underpayments.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried

### Minutes

The board was presented with minutes from prior meetings. Rob Unruh stated that the March 12<sup>th</sup> minutes need to be changed to reflect that Rob Crawford was not in attendance, but Rob Unruh was and needed to be added to Director's roll call.

Motion: To approve all minutes

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Rob Unruh

Motion Carried.

Being no further business; the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 11:13 am.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Jerry Enman Second: Luther Horsley

Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton  President

Approved: Rob Unruh  Secretary