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Financials

Nathan spoke to the board for the purpose of summarizing the financial information: The current bank balance is \$318,771.18 (as of March 31). Amy Chipman should have an updated report for the board on Monday. The total amount left over from 2022 is \$2,107,111.19, of which will be deducted, some unpaid and some future costs. Discussions with the Reclamation have assumed that \$1.9 million may be rolled over.

Nathan will have checks on Monday to pay Parks & Ratliff (\$15,922.69) and MBK; however, he does not have the amount yet as he needs to confirm with Amy whether or not any of the attached invoices have been paid since the last meeting in January.

He referenced an attached excel spreadsheet received from Reclamation in relation to the determination that there was \$7.9 million available for 2023 DRA funding, which would be added to the \$1.9 million referred to above. KPDR will likely have the ability to receive an explanation about this and get questions answered.

He also discussed a 5 year budget, which was prepared in February with MBK. Staff is working on updating the budget to assume a 2023 program with \$9.8 million in funding, based on a discussion with the Reclamation. The budget was set up to include only a "base administrative cost" with the idea that costs associated with a year in which a program is developed. That funding would be subject to a modification to the agreement to designate funding for that year, in conjunction with identifying "program costs," i.e., program payments and program-specific admin costs, separate from "base administrative costs."

Motion: Approve financials

Motion by: Mike McKoen

Second: Paul Crawford

Roll call: Luke Robison abstains from vote

All other members vote Aye

Motion Passes

Review/Consider Approval of 2021-2022 Audit

Nathan stated that the audit with Molatore's (MSP) is not final yet. Marc Staunton and Nathan Ratliff will need to meet with Amy Chipman (accountant) to get more details on the numbers that the auditor has questions on.

Motion: Motion to authorize to seek RFP proposals to Nathan Ratliff's office to audit last year's program.

Motion by: Paul Crawford

Second: Rob Unruh

Roll call: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Discussion Regarding Long-Term Grant Application and Funding Updates

Mike Neuman stated that currently, it looks like Reclamation is projecting a 200-280,000 acre-feet Project supply. Marc Staunton interjected by reminding the board that they are here today to mitigate supply and demand even if there is an allocation. There will still be the need to idle land as that projection is not enough water for the Project to irrigate as a whole. He stated they need to try to align supply and demand so that "B" irrigators can call for water. The discussion needs to happen now, not on June 1, when Reclamation may announce a late start date with a lower number; it's too late then.

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Mike Neuman stated that \$5 Million will come off the top for the SCADA program KID is working on, so it's not a reimbursable program. Gene stated that should not be correct and he wants to see the accounting; he was under the impression that it would not come from the DRA funds.

Paul Crawford asks Reclamation staffer Mike Neuman what a "year" means; is it fiscal or calendar year? Mike responded that it is a calendar year. Paul Crawford does not agree that he is right and wants to see the calculations. Nathan Ratliff stated that after the admin costs of \$104,329 to run the program it is estimated that there will be \$9.38 million for 2023. Marc Staunton added that the admin cost is lower than in years past due to most ground being mapped from previous programs.

Motion: Motion to Authorize submission of 5 year BOR Cooperative agreement as discussed, and authorize Board President to approve application documents.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Paul Crawford

Roll call: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Discussion Authorizes Action Regarding 2023 Programs

Mike Neuman gave a hydrology update according to Reclamation. Several board members disagreed with his narration of the NRCS 50% forecast and RFC projections. A heated conversation commenced. Marc stated that the board doesn't think that there will not be good participation in either full or partial programs if the payout is \$200 or less per acre. In the past, groundwater pumping programs helped close the gap in water supply. Mike stated that Reclamation won't support a groundwater pumping program due to the domestic well issues in the past. Paul Crawford stated that he does not feel there is enough water savings in a partial-season program to warrant the money or staff time spent to administer it. Bill Ganong stated that if you allowed anything of the sorts, your wild card is NEPA when it comes to grounds that have non-surface water applied to it.

Moss Driscoll stated that everything he has heard from Reclamation is that there will be a Land Idling program. Mike Neuman agreed with Moss. Tim O'Connor suggested that the words "not irrigated" be removed, "if a user doesn't take water from the lake, who cares where they get it from." He thinks it is something to look into to gain water saving of lake water. Marc Staunton said that action could increase the number of applications; at this time, they are trying to achieve 20,000 acres of ground into the program. He does not think that the program will achieve 20,000 acres. Mike Neuman stated that he agreed with Marc and that change would have a huge impact on the program. After much discussion, it was settled that the KPDR will submit an application to the Bureau Reclamation seeking 9.85 million to operate programs in the Klamath Project to align water supply and demand during the 2023 Irrigation Season.

Motion: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Rob Unruh


Roll call: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton , President

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Approved: Rob Unruh , Secretary