

Regular Meeting Minutes

Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Regular Board Meeting
January 30, 2024
1:30 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Marc Staunton, the President, called the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 1:40 pm at KWUA boardroom at 2312 South Sixth Street and via the online conference platform called Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Marc Staunton, Rob Unruh, Paul Crawford, Scotty Fenters, and Mike McKoen

Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Nathan Ratliff, Moss Driscoll, Cherise Wilson, Gene Souze, Paul Simmons, and Kyle Knutson.

Agenda

The board was presented with the agenda. The President recommended Agenda moving agenda item #6 (swearing in new member) before #4 so there would be a quorum present. The board approved the proposed amended agenda by consensus.

Scotty Fenters was sworn in by President Marc Staunton as representative for the Klamath Drainage District. The board discussed the process of being appointed to the board. Paul Simmons stated that the agency send a notice to the board as well as the represented district 25 days prior to the three-year term being completed.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Review/Approve and/or Ratify Bills, Invoices and Financial Reports

Motion: Approve financials and pay the invoiced bills.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Rob Unruh

Roll call: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Review Status of Board Member Appointments and Terms

The board discussed terms and concluded that 25 days prior to the 3-year term being up, a letter will be sent to the district and members to acknowledge the term being up.

Minutes

There are currently no minutes to approve.

Update Regarding No Irrigation Program Administration

Kyle Knutson stated that there is not much new to report from the 2023 program. There have been no phone calls or emails from applicants with complaints. He is pleased with how smoothly the program was administered and the checks issued.

Nathan stated that he had some ASAP transfers not go through, but he was able to get the issue resolved, and one lost check was reissued.

Discuss 2024 Irrigation Season, Funding and Potential Programs

Paul Simmons of KWUA gave an update on current events. The commissioner is talking with Matt Strickler about funding and potential programs. Conversation topics have included refuge water actions similar to what was done in 2018-2019 and long-term planning. KWUA has a goal to develop long-term sustainable agriculture with NRCS. Moss Driscoll stated that Reclamation's draft proposed action is wanting to address river flows. On paper, he thinks there will be a range of 150-350 TAF, but that is just an estimate. Marc Staunton asked Paul and Moss if they believe there should be a program released given the anticipated wet water

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year. Both indicated that it should be a decent water year, but they do not know where Reclamation stands given their uncertain decisions. Mike McKoen asked why the DRA would have a program if there is adequate water. Paul Crawford agrees and states that perhaps we should do a program to help the wildlife if there is sufficient water. Paul Simmons stated that he feels it's too early to be determining a need due to the lack of water. Mike McKoen stated he does not want to see the DRA become the mechanism used to downsize the Project. Gene Souza added that he thinks the project supply will be less than 350 TAF.

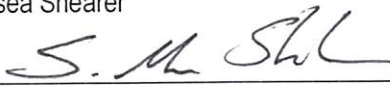
Motion: Adjourn meeting.


Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Paul Crawford

Roll call:

The next meeting date will be March 6 2024 . Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:36 pm.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton , President

Approved: Rob Unruh , Secretary