

Regular Meeting Minutes

Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Regular Board Meeting
July 17, 2024
2:30 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mike McKoen, the Vice- President, called the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on July 17, 2024, at 2:30 pm at KWUA boardroom at 2312 South Sixth Street and via the online conference platform called Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Rob Unruh, Paul Crawford, Scotty Fenters, Ty Kliewer, and Mike McKoen

Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Nathan Ratliff, Dustin Bohn, Kelsey Gill, Bren Kern, Paul Simmons, Gene Souza, Moss Driscoll, and Kyle Knutson.

Agenda

The board was presented with the agenda. The board approved the proposed amended agenda by consensus.

Public Comment

Bren Kern addressed the board about his application that was submitted on June 14th but not before the 5 pm deadline; it was a few hours after. He is stated that the posting he saw on KID webpage only had the date, not the time, and he was unaware there was a time as well. He is asking the board to consider his application as not late and to consider better communication when there is an actual time as well. The board thanked him for is comment and will take it under consideration when they come to that agenda item.

Nominate and Elect Officers for the 2024-2025 year

The current officer lineup is Marc Staunton as President, Mike McKoen and Vice President, and Rob Unruh as Secretary.

Motion: Motion to nominate the current slated of officers for the 2024-2025 year.

Motion by: Scotty Fenters Second: Ty Kliewer

Roll call: All vote Aye, Motion Carries

Financials

Nathan stated that all the financials are up to date in the reports, and there are no bills or payments to present.

Motion: Motion to approve the financials as presented.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Ty Kliewer

Roll call: All vote Aye, Motion Carries

Minutes

The board was provided with minutes from December 2023, March, April, May, and June 2024 for review, which brings the minutes current.

Motion: Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by: Ty Kliewer Second: Scotty Fenters

Roll call: All vote Aye, Motion Carries

Mike McKoen calls the meeting into recess at 2:45 pm in anticipation of Marc Staunton and Moss Driscoll joining.

Receive Report Regarding 2024 Program Administration. The Board resumed the meeting at 2:56 pm with Marc Staunton presiding over the meeting and Moss Driscoll present.

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Report on the 2024 Program Administration

Kyle Knutson and this team reviewed the 2024 program administration report. In 2023, there are 508 applications totalling approximately 31,000 acres. For 2024, there have been 572 applications for a total applied acreage of 38,747. For full season there are 549 applications for a total applied acreage of 32,874.4, and for partial season, there are 23 applications for a total applied acreage of 5,872.8. The board was surprised that there was more land entered than in years with less water or no water.

Kyle went on to say that they are not ready to make recommendations on all categories yet, but there are a few that can be decided on.

Category 3- Late Applications, there are 11. Bren Kerns was the only application that was received on June 14 however it was after the 5 pm deadline. The rest were submitted on the 21st, 24th, and 28th. All are recommended for denial per the policy.

Category 4- less than 4 acres. Kelsey Gill stated that she has contacted the districts to inform them to submit for the Small acreage program.

Category 5- withdrawn. There are four total applications.

Category 6- Outside the FOD/USBR Contract, there are four total: one was denied in 2021, another denied in 2022, and two not in the boundaries.

Category 7- District Denied- None at this time.

Category 8- Pending review- MBK needs more time to review this.

Category 9- Ineligible- moved to category 6.

Category 10- District partially denied- none at this time.

3:15 pm Gene Souza joins the meeting.

There is no official category 11 in the program but the staff proposes to add one in.

Category 11- Federally owned lands- there are 2 applications on the lease lands. There was a discussion of adding the term "sealands" back into the ineligible to participate.

Discussion of all the categories took place. Ty Kliewer feels that Mr. Kern, in good faith, applied for the program by the 14th. and he would recommend approving the application. Scotty Fenters stated that if there was no time on the ad then they should pay it. Mike McKoen went to the newsletter in question, and it stated the date and for complete information, click here with a direct link to the website on which the time is posted.

Nathan proposed a motion to deny categories 3-11 and displayed it on the screen, it was quickly moved and seconded

Motion: Motion to Deny Applications identified in Categories 3 (Late Applications), with the exception of Kern Applications discussed 4 (Less than 4 Acres), 5 (Withdrawn), 6 (Outside FOD), 9 (District Ineligible), 11 (Federally Owned Lands) in accordance with spreadsheet presented by MBK.

Motion by: Scotty Fenters

Hearing no seconded, Nathan clarified that the motion is a purposed lump motion which includes all the late applications with the exception of the one submitted on June 14th after 5pm as it currently sits in the category 3. There was no applications turned in

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over the weekend or on that Monday. It is suggested that the two motions be split up, however, if someone seconds Scotty's motion, then we deal with that as a whole. Ty Kleiwer seconds Scotty's motion.

Paul Crawford asks for clarification of a vote now that Nathan has shown two motions, the original motion of Scotty's, which is still waiting on a roll call, and the second option of splitting motion to include 4,5,6 & 11, and motion #2 being Motion to Deny Late applications as identified by MBK, with the exception of Applications received on June 14, 2024. Scotty Amends his motion to motion #2:

Amended Motion: Motion to Deny Late applications as identified by MBK, with the exception of Applications received on June 14, 2024.

Motion by: Scotty Fenters Second: Ty Kliewer

Roll call: Scotty Fenters: Aye

Paul Crawford- No

Ty Kliewer- Aye

Mike McKoen- No

Rob Unruh- No

Marc Staunton- no vote as the majority wins

Motion Fails

Motion #1 was reread.

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Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Mike McKoen

After an intense discussion of clarification of the wording that was changing live on the screen after a motion was made and seconded, resulted in, Nathan suggested an amended motion of Motion to Deny Applications identified in Categories 3 (Late Applications), 4 (Less than 4 Acres), 5 (Withdrawn), 6 (Outside FOD), 9 (District Ineligible), 11 (Federally Owned Lands) in accordance with spreadsheet presented by MBK.

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Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Mike McKoen

Roll call: Scotty Fenters: NO

Paul Crawford- Aye

Ty Kliewer- Aye

Mike McKoen- Aye

Rob Unruh- Aye

Marc Staunton- Aye

Motion Passes

Motion: Motion to authorize Marc Staunton to approve correspondence acknowledging receipt of eligible applicants and providing notification of denial to denied applicants.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Rob Unruh

Roll call: Unanimous- Motion Passes

The board asked MBK to look at the development of future program maps. Would like to have a clickable option on each parcel that will show the years the land has been in the program. It is helpful to answer the question of when it was in the program prior, especially for new owners.

Program Funding

Marc Staunton stated the the grant has rolled over and we have been approved for the source of funding; the portal is over. Per Mike Neuman, there is \$8.678 Million available. Marc asked Mike Neuman if we should include a dollar amount in our


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correspondence with Reclamation. With the current rollover amount, there is 8.9 Million, which the calculator estimates Full season at \$277.87 and partial season at \$138.93 with current inputs.

Paul Simmons stated that there is \$50 million in IRA funds and they are looking at 3-5 year contracts that allow payment increases and add-ons. There is a meeting on August 6, and the lingering legal issue of the 10 Million cap expenditures. KWUA is trying to find out if this includes IRA funds. If they can come back with a yes, then long-term programs are out.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:37 pm. The next meeting will be held on August 14, at 10:00 am.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton , President

Approved: Rob Unruh , Secretary