

Regular Meeting Minutes

Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Special Board Meeting
March 22, 2024
2:00 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Marc Staunton, the President, called a special Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Friday, March 22, 2024, at 2:06 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, Ty Kliewer, and Mike McKoen
Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Nathan Ratliff, Gary Voigt, Dustin Bohn, Mike Neuman, Kelsey Gill, Anna Cornacchioli, Paul Simmons, and Kyle Knutson.

Marc Staunton Swore in new KID appointed board member Ty Kliewer.

Agenda

The board was presented with the agenda and approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Minutes

There are currently no minutes to approve.

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

Motion: Approve financials and pay the invoiced bills.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Scotty Fenters

Roll call: all Aye, with the exception of Paul Crawford, who abstained as he did not have time to review the invoices

Motion Passes

Nathan stated that the DRA is only allowed to receive \$500 in interest, and the DRA has received an estimated \$1,400. They will need to return \$993.90 dollars to Reclamation.

Motion: To authorize DRA to release payment of excess interest earned.

Motion by: Paul Crawford Second: Ty Kliewer

Roll call: all Aye, with the exception of Rob Unruh, who abstained as he just walked in

Nathan Stated that the CARES funds had an unexpected overhead, and Nathan is working on finding out who to pay that back to.

Discuss 2023 Program Administration

Kelsey Gill stated that there were no appeals and all claims have been processed. She reviewed the numbers for 2023, and she has nothing new to report.

Discuss 2024 Irrigation Season, Funding and Potential Programs

Mike Neuman stated that the modification is for 2 years, once approved, the funds will be available in a month or so. There is \$8,533,829.89. Paul Crawford commented with a rhetorical question, "So we're doing a program as it appears that we will not have enough water for irrigation, but right now we have too much water in the system...?" Ty Kliewer stated that the current supply number is only 216TAF, Mike Neuman confirms that is the correct allocation number as of now.

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Scotty Fenters recommends that we start the program ASAP if there is not a full supply, and everyone agrees. Neuman also stated that the Ops plan is slated to release April 15.

Motion: Motion to authorize 2024 No Irrigation program based upon last year's program, (full season, partial season and small parcel) to include 2 days of MBK application processing workshops, with June 14, 2024 application deadline

Motion by: Scotty Fenters Second: Ty Kliewer

Roll call: Roll call: all Aye, with the exception of Paul Crawford, who votes no.

Motion Passes

Motion: Motion to authorize Board Member Mike McKoen to expend up to \$2500 for publicity in relation to 2024 No Irrigation Program and to approve Program Publicity Communication to standardize KPDRRA communication to include KPDRRA Website, notification and request to Districts to publish.

Motion by: Paul Crawford

Scotty Fenters Second: Mike McKoen

Motion Passes

Motion: Authorize Board Member Staunton to execute SF424 form for request for financial assistance for "water for wildlife" or "water availability" program (similar to KPDRRA 2018, 2020 Programs for use in conjunction with multiyear programs to be developed in prior motion.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second: Paul Crawford

Roll call: Unanimous Pass

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton  , President

Approved: Rob Unruh  , Secretary