

Regular Meeting Minutes

Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Regular Board Meeting
October 15, 2024
2:00 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, October 15, 2024, at 2:10 pm at KWUA boardroom at 2312 South Sixth Street and via the online conference platform called Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Marc Staunton, Ty Kliewer, Rob Unruh, Scotty Fenters, and Mike McKoen

Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Nathan Ratliff, Kelsey Gill, Kyle Knutson, Mike Neuman, and Gene Souza

Agenda

The board approved the proposed amended agenda by consensus.

No Minutes or Financials for approval. Nathan noted that Amy hadn't sent the requested information due to the tax filing deadline.

Public Comment

None

Receive Report Regarding 2024 Program Administration

Kelsey Gill reviewed the 2024 program administration, reporting no significant issues. Kelsey mentioned that they would be sending out district verifications on October 31 and that the online map had been helpful in answering questions.

Funding

The team discussed funding, Marc Staunton discussed the ongoing discussions KWUA is having with the administration about Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding. Marc stated that Paul Simmons of KWUA is hopeful that some progress will be made by year end.

Grant Extension Proposal and Future Planning

The meeting revolved around the proposal from Reclamation regarding the extension of a grant. The initial plan was to extend it for one year, but it was extended until 2029, a significant change, Mike Newman discussed the need for board approval to continue the process and mentioned the need for application materials, including a revision of the statement of work, milestones, and budget. The team discussed the possibility of projecting costs for the next five years and the potential for a material change to the program. Each year a funding modification can be submitted. The conversation ended with no other questions raised by the directors.

Scotty raised a concern about the allocation of funds for various programs, specifically the \$10 million dollars allocated for their project being locked in. Mike Neuman clarified that while they (Reclamation) have been using the authority to send some money to other efforts, they would do their best to keep as much as possible for their project. Marc Staunton explained that the funding was subject to annual appropriations and that KWUA would need to lobby to ensure continued funding. Scotty understood the concept and did not see a downside to their current plan. Nathan and Kyle will start working on the modification and extension. The process is dependent on the outcome of the continuing resolution. The team also discussed scheduling a meeting for early December to discuss the district verifications.

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Motion: To Motion to authorize submission of required materials in order to modify existing BOR agreement through 2029, subject to approval by Board Chairman Marc Staunton.


Motion by: Scotty Fenters Second: Ty Kliewer

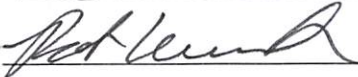
Roll call: All vote Aye

Program Funding

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:44 pm. The next meeting will be scheduled for December 10, 2024, at 2:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton , President

Approved: Rob Unruh , Secretary