

Regular Meeting Minutes

Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Regular Board Meeting
August 13, 2025
2:00 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Marc Staunton, the President, called the regular scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (KPDRA) to order on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 2:08 pm at 2312 South. 6th St. Suite A, and via the online conference platform called Zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

Guests: Brandon Young, Kyle Knuntson, Scott White, Nathan Ratliff, Elizabeth Nielsen, Chelsea Shearer, and Gene Souza

Appoint Directors

Malin/Shasta View Director, Current Member is Rob Unruh, whose term was finished in July 2025, but still sits in the seat until the board appoints a replacement. He gave his resignation effective September 1, 2025. The replacement board member will need to be appointed by directors from KID (TY), KDD (Scotty), and TID (Marc). Scotty Fenters stated that Jesse Hickey and Tricia Walker have both expressed interest in the vacant seat. They will be contacted about their interest.

At-Large Director, Current Member Paul Crawford, whose term also expired in July. His seat is to be appointed by directors from Van Brimmer (Mike), Malin/Shasta View (Rob's Replacement), and KBID (Luke).

Motion: To re-appoint Paul Crawford for another term of 3 years.

Motion by: Ty Kliewer Second: Mike McKoen

Roll call: Unanimous, Marc Staunton, Scotty Fenters, Ty Kliewer, Rob Unruh, and Mike McKoen

Motion Passes

Motion: To keep the slated board members and officers as is until September 1, 2025, and place the topic on the next agenda.

Motion by: Ty Kliewer Second: Mike McKoen

Roll call: Unanimous, Marc Staunton, Scotty Fenters, Ty Kliewer, Rob Unruh, and Mike McKoen

Motion Passes

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Review/Approve/Authorize Submission of Application for IRA Funding for Long Term Programs identified in MOU, Subject to Final Approval by Designated Board Member

Elizabeth Nielsen with KWUA stated that she had a call with Heather Casillas, and Reclamation is proceeding with the new agreement between Reclamation and the DRA, and expects it to be awarded in September.

Nathan stated that once the long-term agreement is approved with the DRA, it will then be moved into the Reclamations queue, the deadline for that is September 19.

Nathan stated that the agreement for water protection or restoration of fish and wildlife resources has been signed at the regional level and submitted to DOGE for approval. It may take 4-5 months. KWUA's lobbying group, TFG, is working to push that faster. The scope of work is approved, but the budget still needs approval. Natha reviewed the budget and made some changes. He found a \$ 10,000 overage in one area and adjusted it down to \$ 2,000, but everything else remained the same. Marc Staunton stated this is the 1st step in developing the program, and they still need to flesh out what long-term ideas don't comply with the program.

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Motion: Motion to Authorize Submission of Long Term IRA Demand Reduction Cooperative Agreement Application, subject to final approval by designated Board Member, and to authorize that Board Member to execute all necessary documents.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Mike Mckoen

Roll call: Unanimous, Marc Staunton, Scotty Fenters, Ty Kliewer, Rob Unruh, and Mike McKoen

Motion Passes

Update on pending application and water for refuge agreement

Elizabeth stated that the application has been submitted and it is early in the process. It is currently in front of DOGE. Once the funds are obligated, then they can invoice and submit, after it's vetted by DOGE.

Review/ Approve and/ Or Ratify bills, Invoices, and Financial Reports

Nathan reviewed the June and July bills and has submitted them to the board for approval. The board stated that the P&L sheets need to be straightened out, especially with the multi-year program, before the next year starts. Tabling approving the finances until there is clearer information about the P&L.

Motion: Motion to pay the bills presented.

Motion by: Rob Unruh Second: Mike Mckoen

Roll call: Unanimous, Marc Staunton, Scotty Fenters, Ty Kliewer, Rob Unruh, and Mike McKoen

Motion Passes

Next Steps

It was suggested that a priority moving forward is to find Rob Unruh and Luke Robison's replacements. Schedule a worksession to discuss multi-year programs.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:21 pm.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton  President

Approved: Rob Unruh  Secretary

Tricia Walker