

Regular Meeting Minutes

**2018 Klamath Project Drought Response Agency
Regular Board Meeting
October 24, 2018
11:00 AM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Marc Staunton called the regular scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the 2018 Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (DRA) to order on Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 11:11 am in the Intermountain Research and Extension Center 2717 Havlina Rd. Tulelake, CA 96134

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Michael McKoen, Paul Crawford, Marc Staunton, & Jerry Enman.

Guests: Chelsea Shearer, Kyle Knutson, Angela Bezzone, Bill Ganong, Nathan Ratliff, Moss Driscoll, Marc VanCamp and Nathan Ratliff, & Kraig Beasley.

The board was presented with the October 10th minutes. It was noted that there that there are two mentions of Gary Derry at the meeting. All mentions need to be stricken from the minutes.

Motion: To accept the minutes as amended.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second by: Paul Crawford

Action: Motion carried unanimously

REPORT STATUS OF ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Nathan Ratliff stated that Deanna Bogart has set up an account and the current value is \$13,000. The DRA has yet to receive the start up funds from TID, however staff member Casey is working on issuing that payment. It was also reported that the DRA has invoiced Reclamation for 8,588AF with an additional 5,149.35AF to invoice this week.

Bill Ganong updated the board that the DRA's the Cage is still processing. State Representative, Greg Walden is going to see if there is anything he can do to push this process along. Moss Driscoll reported that the funds are available for the request, but this matter must be cleared up before payment. Marc Staunton voiced his concern of the money being absorbed if not used by year end. Moss stated the funds are obligated to the agency's ID number and will not be absorbed if not used by year end.

DROUGHT RELIEF APPLICATION STATUS

Marc VanCamp reported that his firm has opened the application process and has conducted two workshops thus far. The workshops were well attended. Some complaints/concerns were:

- The uncertainty of funds to be paid to participants
- The fact there was no partial season idling
- TID not being reimbursed for D Plant pumping
- No off project programs
- Internal transfers of water
- Ground water should not get paid before June as there was no surface water available prior to June
- Wording of taking water from Klamath River was confusing. Many checked no, not understanding it meant Klamath Lake River system. That box needs to be checked to qualify.

Marc VanCamp stated that the workshops were of ease compared to KWAPA info received. He can not give the board a sense of scope for program yet as applications are still coming in. After discussing the board agreed that MBK should hold one more all-day workshop on November 7th.

Marc VanCamp, Angela and Kyle leave meeting.

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REPORT ON IMPLANTATION OF CONTRACT WITH U.S.

Moss stated that he met with Marc and Kraig regarding lease lands and pumping. To date the contribution from LRC is 18,925AF which invoices out to \$6.813 Million. There is currently \$2.674 Million left that is invoiceable. From today through November 15th 50CFS daily will move through LRC giving an additional 2,200- 2,300AF. D Plant will be able to move 5,100AF in the next month which should in theory complete the contract. The DRA and Reclamation will look at the numbers again on November 1st but as the current trend is going, Moss stated it's inevitable that the DRA will fulfill contract.

Moss encouraged the DRA to request Reclamation to increase the refuge allotment to 18TAF instead of 15TAF. Marc Staunton made that request so that TID doesn't have to shut down D Plant and move that extra water to the lease land. Moss stated that the local office is very short handed while they are in the middle of consultation of the new BiOp, but "they will make it happen".

Moss also stated that the water has been well received from the environmental groups. The Reclamations Public Affairs officer would like to write a press release to point out the good that is being done on the refuge. The DRA stated they would only support such a press release once all the contracted water has been delivered.

AUTHORIZE RFP FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND DESIGNATE RECIPIENTS

The board discussed submitting for RFP's from 3 legal providers as the current provider was only authorized up to \$10,000 dollars. The board would like to see a 2-week turnaround time and have the RFP's presented at next meeting for grading and voting. The board agreed to send RFP's to Parks & Ratliff, Somach Simmons & Dunn, and Mark Henderson & Aspel.

Motion: To send RFP's to the 3 legal firms, Parks & Ratliff, Somach Simmons & Dunn, and Mark Henderson & Aspel .

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second by: Jerry Enman

Action: Motion carried unanimously

After September the board's bylaws state meetings only need to be monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. If there is a need for a second meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month it will be considered a special meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Meeting adjourned.

Motion: To adjourn meeting.

Motion by: Mike McKoen Second by: Jerry Enman

Action: Motion carried unanimously

Next Meeting

Meeting will be held November 14th at 10am, with location to be announced.

Minutes prepared by Chelsea Shearer

Approved: Marc Staunton , President

Approved: Rob Unruh , Secretary