

**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
AUGUST 15, 2018**

DIRECTORS

DAVID VIGUIE, PRESIDENT

SPENCER BEI

SAM BEUKELMAN

ROBERT CHOPE GILL

DIXON RCD STAFF

JOHN S. CURREY, DISTRICT MANAGER

BROOK ROSENBERGER, OFFICE MANAGER

OTHER ATTENDEES

NONE

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the August 15, 2018, Board meeting to order at 6:04 pm at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Bei, Beukelman, Viguie, Gill

Absent: None

2. Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established.

3. Approve the Agenda

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Gill, to approve the agenda. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Bei, Beukelman, Viguie, Gill

Noes: None

Abstain: None

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Absent: None

4. **Comments from the Public – None**
5. **DRCD Consent Calendar**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated July 11, 2018.**
 - b. **Approval of Expenses from July 12, 2018 to August 15, 2018 and review of the 2018/2019 Budget Update**
 - c. **Approval Biennial Notice for 2018 Conflict of Interest Code – Review and file Notice for 2018**

There was no discussion on these items.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Bei, to approve the Consent Calendar as well as the amended Financial Report. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Bei, Beukelman, Viguie, Gill
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report –**
NRCS was not able attend
7. **Presentations – None**
8. **Dixon/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition (Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program) – Monthly Reports**
 - a. Approval of Expenses (None)
 - b. Activities Reports – (None)
9. **Old Business – None**
10. **New Business –**
 - a. **Dixon Regional Watershed (JPA) Drainage Project Update – Receive Staff report and provided direction**

Mr. Currey gave an overview stating that the County requested that our item of topic be pulled off of the Solano County Water Agency agenda. Ultimately the item was left on the agenda but only as a “discussion” item. The take away from the meeting was that there are supposed to be series of meetings starting that will allow the JPA to articulate our objectives and hopefully allow everyone to get on the same page. Mr. Currey stated that his ultimate goal is to understand how the County drainage standard will be implemented and identify if the area has any cumulative impacts that need to be addressed in the Agricultural Industrial Service Area.

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No action is needed at this time, other than the District Manager to keep the Board apprised as the situation advances.

b. CARCD Speak Off Contest – Consider sponsoring or co-sponsoring with Solano RCD a county wide Speak Off contest

Mr. Currey gave an overview of the “Speak Off” contest. It is a state wide contest which is dependent on local districts and regional associations advancing contestants. The topic this year is “How can RCD’s help landowners reduce the threat of fires?”

The Board agreed to co-sponsor a local speech contest, authorizing expenses up to \$500.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Choep. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Bei, Beukelman, Viguie, Gill
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

c. CARCD Regional Meeting and Annual Conference – Consider staff and Board Member Attendance

Mr. Currey talked about the upcoming Annual conference and encouraged any Board members that were interested that they should attend. Mr. Currey said he would pass on the conference itinerary as soon as he received it.

The Board authorize staff to attend the annual conference in San Diego.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Bei, to approve Mr. Currey to attend annual CARCD conference. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Bei, Beukelman, Viguie, Gill
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

d. Board Member Recruitment – discuss outreach to potential board members.

Mr. Currey talked about our open seats on the board. Asked the Board Meeting attendees to reach out to anyone they may know that might be interested in sitting on our Board.

No information distributed, no action required at this time.

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11. DRCD Staff Reports

District Manager's Report

Mr. Currey reported about the following:

Ditch Maintenance:

Spraying: Ditch inspections and applications planning are scheduled for end of August with roundup to tules and cattails in mid-September.

Ditch Cleaning: Ditch inspections and excavation planning is scheduled for end of August. Execution will be late September through October.

Other Maintenance Issues:

Ditch Fees: While reviewing the data base and working on a quality check of prior data entries, we have determined that we need to perform some database clean-ups and re-evaluate the current interest calculation prior to our next Ditch Fee Billing cycle.

In order to save time we will archive our current data base, fix any procedures that need it and start with a clean program. And going forward we are implementing an annual database review prior to running the billing cycle each year.

EIR and Project Reviews:

County Approvals for Projects: Mr. Currey received a grading and drainage plan for the Bello Solano subdivision on Mace Blvd. Upon initial review it appears that the plan conforms to the County standard.

TEC: TEC (Truck Sale Business) has broken ground near I-80 and Pedrick Road.

Southwest Dixon Specific Plan: The City of Dixon has received inquiries and a developer is moving forward to develop the area South of West A Street and West of Pitt School Road.

Agricultural Industrial Service Area (AISA): Please see staff report for further information.

Other Items:

CDFA Climate Smart Agricultural Programs: State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) and Healthy Soils Program (HSP). The State just released a request for applications to provide technical assistance to farmers who want to apply for the SWEEP and HSP. RCDs are eligible to provide the technical assistance and can receive \$5,000 for outreach and an

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additional \$200 per person assisted or \$400 per application submitted. During the last round of applications Dixon RCD, Solano RCD and NRSC provided assisted at least 10 farmers of which 3 turned into applications.

I will be considering if we should jointly submit an application to provide technical assistance with Solano and/or Yolo RCD. Our goal is to insure that framers who need help have access to it. The application is due September 14, 2018.

Freshwater Trust: Mr. Currey reported that he continues to participate in the monthly conference call to discuss various aspects of the modeling.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA): The Solano Sub-basin GSA has tentatively set their workshop for October 2, 2018. They are still contemplating the nature scope of the meeting , whether it will be a larger Stakeholder meeting or a smaller Board workshop.

Regional Drainage Projects (Dixon Regional Watershed JPA): Our next JPA meeting is scheduled for August 29. In this meeting we will discuss the Maine Prairie Water District Highway 113 culvert replacement, management plan update and the annual budgets. City staff and I have agreed on the Highway 113 culvert replacement cost distribution 50% summer (MPWD) 50% winter (City 70%, Dixon RCD 15%, and MPWD 15%). The cost breakdown will be presented to the Board at the August meeting.

California Association of Resource Conservation District (CARCD): See staff report.

Durable Collaboration Project: Mr. Currey and Mr. Rose have decided to combine our Holiday dinners this year. Both RCD's will work together to allow both groups the opportunity to socialize and get to know each other better.

Financial Items: Mr. Currey anticipates presenting the year-end review at the September Board meeting.

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program: The Irrigated Lands staff, will provide a detailed report at the September Board Meeting.

Office and John's Schedule: Mr. Currey will be utilizing flex time to work on his home. In addition, he will b e attending some upcoming conferences in October & November.

12. Directors Report - None.

13. Communications – None.

14. Upcoming Events - None

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15. Announcements

The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be September 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

16. Adjourn Meeting

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:00 p.m.



**Brook Rosenberger
Office Manager
Dixon Resource Conservation District**