



**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
DECEMBER 12, 2018**

DIRECTORS

**CHOPE GILL
SPENCER BEI
DAVID VIGUIE**

DIXON RCD STAFF

BROOK ROSENBERGER, OFFICE MANAGER

OTHER ATTENDEES

**LEO SOUKERIS – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
JIM CAMPBELL – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
ERIC SCHENE - GUEST
WENDY RASH – NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service)**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the December 12, 2018, Regular Board meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Bei, Viguie, Gill
Absent: Beukelman

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 Gill, seconded by Director Bei, to approve the agenda. The motion passed as follows:

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

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4. Comments from the Public – None

- 5. Presentations** – BasinScout for Integrated Management of Surface and Groundwater. Nick Osman gave a presentation via the internet while Mr. Currey co-presented onsite in the meeting.

6. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report

Mrs. Rash gave a brief update from NRCS – Early signup deadlines for EQIP were November 16 and December 7. We had 3 projects funded in the first batch and are waiting to hear on about 8 projects in the second batch. We have several on deck for early next year as well. Talk to us now if you are interested. The next batching date will likely be in February 2019.

The Farm Bill will likely be signed this week. I don't have full details on how our programs might change, stay tuned.

Ongoing projects continue to be constructed and completed into the fall.

Mrs. Rash also talked about some outreach ideas she wanted to have further discussions about:

The impacts of climate uncertainty are becoming more apparent on working lands. Farmers and ranchers need to adapt their operations to deal with a new production environment. Understanding the changes that are here already and the changes that are coming are key to being prepared and resilient.

Mrs. Rash has been talking to several partners about putting together a workshop for growers in Solano County to discuss these issues. The objectives would be to lay out some specific impacts to our region that are either already happening or are expected to happen; and to talk about our production systems and how changes in cultural or conservation practices can help producers stay productive and efficient.

Draft title: "The New Normal: Resilience strategies for working lands"

7. DRCD Consent Calendar

- a. **Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated November 14, 2018.**
- b. **Approval of Expenses from November 15, 2018, to December 12, 2018, and review of the 2018 / 2019 Budget Update.**

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Gill, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed as follows

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

8. Old Business – None

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9. New Business

- a. Encroachment Permits – Consider approval of 2 encroachment permits**
 - i. Schwarz – Tremont 1 culvert crossing on APN 0110-120-170**
 - ii. Kimmel – Tremont 1 Lateral C culvert crossing on APN 0110-120-070**

The Board had no issues with either proposed encroachment permit applicant. A motion was made by Director Gill, seconded by Director Bei, to approve both permits. The motion passed as follows;

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

- b. CDFA Technical Assistance Grant – Receive staff report regarding receipt of grant, project schedule and consider staffing allocation**

Director Viguie raised concern that we didn't want to become "Grant Chasers", that being said the Board is in agreement to authorize the additional hours for Martha up to 200 hour from December 15, 2018 through March 30, 2019. A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Gill, to approve additional hours for Martha to support the Technical Assistance Grant. The motion passed as follows;

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

- c. CDFA Healthy Soils Demonstration Projects – Discuss and consider if the District will submit a healthy soils demonstration project grant**

The Board discussed the project, and would like to table additional discussion for a further date.

No action was taken at this time.

- d. Policy updates – Review and consider a schedule to review and adopted updated policies.**

Mr. Currey gave a status of the DOC policy update and review is. After reviewing the status the Board decided that Mr. Currey and Mr. Viguie will come up with a schedule for policy review by the Policy Committee.

No action was taken at this time.

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10. **DRCD District Manager's Report –**

Mr. Currey reported that the winter herbicide application has begun and that number of ditch fees payment receive to date appears to have started out slow.

11. **Director's Report** - Brief reports given by Directors on meetings attended on behalf of the Dixon RCD.

12. **Communications - None**

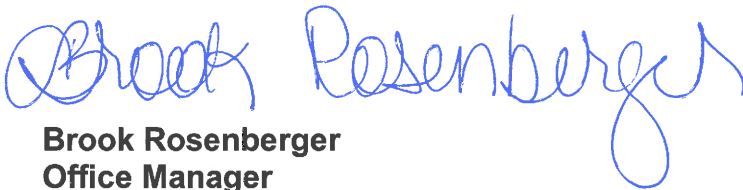
13. **Upcoming Events – None**

14. **Announcements**

The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be January 9, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.

15. **Adjourn Meeting**

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 2:11 p.m.



Brook Rosenberger
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Dixon Resource Conservation District