

**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

DIRECTORS

DAVID VIGUIE

SAM BEUKELMAN

SPENCER BEI

ERIC SCHENE

DANIEL JONES

LEO SOUKERIS

JOHN REITAN

DIXON RCD STAFF

KELLY HUFF, DISTRICT MANAGER

BROOK ROSENBERGER, OFFICE MANAGER

OTHER ATTENDEES

NONE

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the February 10, 2021 Regular Board meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Dixon, CA for DRCD

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staff, the only onsite/in person attendees were DRCD staff, all other attendees joined via Teleconference/Online.

Roll call was taken:

Present: Viguie, Bei, Beukelman, Schene, Jones

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 Bei, to approve the agenda. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Presentations – None

5. DRCD Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting dated January 13, 2021 (*Director's Prep*)
- b. Approval of Expenses from **January 14 to February 10, 2021**, and review of the 2020 / 2021 Budget (*to be distributed*)
- c. Office Management – Approval of Expenses from **January 1 to January 31, 2021** (*to be distributed*)
- d. Dixon/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition – None

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A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Bei, to approve the Consent Calendar Items 5a-5d. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report –

There was no update at this time, Ms. Teri Knight whom has accepted the position of District Conservationist for Solano Service Center as she was in the process of moving to the area. She will resume her attendance at the March meeting.

7. Comments from the Public – NONE

8. Old Business –

●Committee Assignments for 2021 (ACTION) -

During the January 13, 2021 meeting Director Viguie asked that we table the remaining committee assignments until Director Schene was able to be here. After an overview of the available committee assignments, these are the confirmed assignments as of 2/10/21;

- Solano Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability JPA / GSA Board;
 - Director Bei
 - Director Schene (alternate)
- Dixon Regional Watershed JPA Board;
 - Director Bei
 - Director Beukelman
 - Director Schene (alternate)

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- Dixon/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition;
 - Director Viguie
 - Director Schene
- Solano County Water Agency Flood Control Advisory Committee;
 - Associate Director Reitan
- Financial Committee;
 - Director Viguie
 - Director Jones
- Personnel Committee;
 - Director Viguie
 - Director Bei
- Ditch Maintenance Committee;
 - Director Bei
 - Director Beukelman
- Policy Review Committee;
 - Director Viguie
 - Director Beukelman
- Insurance and Safety Committee;
 - Director Viguie
 - Director Beukelman

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Beukelman, to assign, reappoint or confirm all of the Director's committee appointments. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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9. New Business

- a. Receive staff update regarding survey responses to spoils management landowner survey. (ACTION)**

Mrs. Huff gave an overview of the survey that we sent out, expressing that as of today we have only received about 40% response. So Mrs. Huff asked the Board how they want her to proceed. Accept this or continue to reach out with the understanding that we are trying to achieve 100% participation in order to be able to develop a plan to move towards a solution that works for everyone.

The Board collectively agreed that we should continue to reach out. The more people that we can get to participate the better understanding of where we sit as a district.

Then Mrs. Huff asked if the board wanted her to present options at the next board meeting or should the Ditch committee met about it first and formulate a tentative plan to present to the Board.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Bei, to continue to reach out to as many ditch adjacent landowners as we can reach; along with agreeing that the Ditch Committee should first review the survey results then report back to the board. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- b. JPA Regional Drainage Update – Receive JPA committee member and staff report on 01-27-21 JPA Meeting and provide direction regarding further Dixon RCD input (ACTION)**

Mrs. Huff gave a summary report on the latest Dixon Regional Watershed JPA meeting where the Northeast Quadrant Detention

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Basin pre-design evaluation was accepted as the preferred project. Solano County submitted another comment letter reiterating their concerns.

Director Bei reported that he and Mrs. Huff took an engineer from Wood Rogers for a tour of the entire Tremont 3 system. Wood Rogers is conducting work for the related SCWA funded project to update the Dixon Watershed Management Plan. Director Bei went on give a brief update on the 01/27/21 JPA meeting, stating that it seems as though there is a disconnect between the county and our JPA agencies, the ultimate goal does not appear to be the same. There is a perception that the objective of the county is primarily financial, where the perception of the JPA is that this project would provide immediate and long term solutions for the region.

Director Viguie brought up that it has been recommended that DRCD appoint an alternate to the JPA board in addition to the already appointed representatives, to allow for voting if and when any potential conflicts of interests were to be encountered in regards to the NEQ Project. Director Viguie then went on to bring up a separate discussion point for future DRCD board consideration. He suggested that DRCD may want to re-evaluate our part in this project and the JPA. Director Viguie stated that after many years of this proposed project, he is not entirely sure why we are involved to the extent that we currently are. He then asked the board to please think about our role and what it should be and could we as a board revisit this discussion at a later date. He went on to say that he believes the project should continue forward, he is just not confident that DRCD should be driving it. Adding a thought point of “What is the benefit to the District”?

Director Bei agreed that the project should move forward, and that the alternatives that the county is suggesting, would simply not be accepted by the majority of the farming community, specifically the proposal that farmers will accept “flooding easements”.

Director Beukelman posed the question, “Do we have an option to pull out of the JPA altogether and/or this particular project”?

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Mrs. Huff stated that we can maintain an open invitation to discuss and think about the direction of DRCD's role within the DRWJPA in future DRCD meetings.

Both Director Jones and Director Schene offered to join the JPA Board as an alternate. Ultimately Director Schene agreed to be the alternate.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Bei, to appoint Director Schene as the alternate on the Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority Board as a DRCD representative. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

10. DRCD District Manager's Report –

- a. **District Manager Report –** Mrs. Huff gave a brief status report of all current projects at this time. See DRCD Manager's Report for details. One additional item, Ms. Huff informed the board that The Freshwater Trust (TFT) is looking for growers to volunteer for discussions related to groundwater re-charge related practices. Director Viguie and Director Bei both said they are currently working with TFT and that they would be willing to meet regarding groundwater re-charge practices.

b. Water Quality Coalition Update – None

11. Director's Report – None

12. Communications – None

13. Upcoming Events –None

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14. **Announcements – A Reminder that the next board meeting will be Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 12:00pm.**

15. **Adjourn Meeting**

A motion was made by Director Schene, seconded by Director Jones, to close the meeting. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 12:55 p.m.



Kelly Huff, District Manager

Dixon Resource Conservation District