

DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD) POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR December 30, 2020

DIRECTORS
SAM BEUKELMAN
DAVID VIGUIE

<u>DIXON RCD STAFF</u> KELLY HUFF, DISTRICT MANAGER

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the December 30, 2020, Policy Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present:

Beukelman, Viguie

Navs:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

2. Approve the Agenda

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Ayes:

Beukelman, Viguie,

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

3. Approve Minutes

No minutes to approve

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- 4. <u>Comments from the Public</u> None
- 5. Old Business None

6. New Business

a. DRCD 2020-2021 Ditch Maintenance – Review current practices, feedback from ditch members regarding maintenance, consider plans for remainder of 2020-2021 and future years. Provide direction and recommendations to the Board. (Action)

Director Beukelman asked if Dixon RCD has ever removed and disposed of spoils at the District's expense, in response to an operator or landowner's request in the past. Ms. Huff responded that to her knowledge and recent research, no this has never been done at the District's expense before. The District has coordinated movement of spoils between interested landowners/operators at the expense of the landowner receiving the spoils.

After much discussion regarding the District's current spoils management practices, the recent concerns expressed by ditch members and the process required to make changes, Directors Beukelman and Viguie made the following recommendations:

- Dixon RCD's current per acre rate fee and historical spoils management practices are not set up to pay for spoils movement at the expense of District rate payers.
- 2. In response to requests from local agricultural operators and landowners, the District should review its current spoils management practices and determine the opinion of a majority of the ditch fee paying members on the subject. If a majority are in support of changes to the rate fee and level of service the District should begin a new rate analysis.
- 3. The District Manager should reach out to other local drainage districts as well as districts in the San Joaquin Valley to determine their current practices and report to the Dixon RCD Board at their January 13, 2021 meeting.
- 4. The District Manager should draft a survey to Dixon RCD rate payers (landowners) to be reviewed by the Dixon RCD Board at the January 13, 2021 meeting and sent to members by the end of January 2021 with responses due back in early February.

7. Announcements -

a. Future committee meetings will be scheduled as necessary.

8. Adjourn Meeting

The Dixon RCD Policy Committee meeting adjourned at the hour of 12:00 p.m.

Kelly Huff, District Manager, Dixon Resource Conservation District