



**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
DITCH COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR
October 24, 2023**

DIRECTORS

SAM BEUKELMAN

SPENCER BEI

DIXON RCD STAFF

KELLY HUFF, DISTRICT MANAGER

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Bei called the October 24, 2023, Ditch Committee meeting to order at 3:55 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Beukelman, Bei
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2. Approve the Agenda

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Ayes: Beukelman, Bei,
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

3. Approve Minutes

No minutes to approve

4. Comments from the Public – None

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5. Old Business – None

6. New Business

DRCD 2023-2024 Ditch Maintenance – Review planned maintenance activities for remainder of 2023-2024 (Action) –

The Committee Members reviewed the maintenance plans for 2023-2024 and offered the following recommendations for the Board and District Manager.

- **culvert replacements**

- The Ditch Committee discussed two potential enlargements to private culvert crossings that are current constriction points Zucca on Lateral 2 and Eldridge on Tremont 3. The District Manager has confirmed with Reclamation District 2968 that they would not have issues with enlarging the crossings. In regards to Dixon RCD cost-sharing, Director Bei expressed concern with the precedent that this would set if Dixon RCD began cost-sharing on private crossings, especially as costs could be significant (upwards of \$10,000 each). **The Ditch Committee members recommend that Dixon RCD does not cost-share either of these projects.**

- **Review 2023-2024 excavation plans**

- Kelly explained that so far Mike Kett has cleaned 3.0 miles including Lateral 3 (Pedrick) South of City Treatment Plant, Silvey Joy from Casey Road north 1.3 miles and Tremont 1, .25 mile either side of new culvert installation north of Becker Road. Eric Schene/Bulkley cleaned 1.7 miles of Tremont 2 where livestock had access to the ditch. Reclamation District 2068 will be working on the re-grade/cleaning/spoils removing project for the JPA on Lateral 1 (1.25 to 3.5 miles) this fall. **The Ditch Committee members recommended that we have Mike Kett complete the remaining .66 miles of Tremont 2 (Bulkley – Tremont/104) and the 1.06 miles of Tremont 2 (Bulkley, Atkinson from Road 106 north 1.06 miles) *estimated cost of \$15,500.***

- **Review herbicide application plans**

- Kelly provided the committee with information from **last year's** herbicide treatments.
 - Winter Spray Jan 2023 – pre + post emergent – (glyphosate + flumioxazin “Payload”) = \$162/acre
 - Should have been Spring (ended up in July) tule spot treatment (imazamox “Clearcast”) treatment of tules= \$325/acre
 - Summer post emergent (aquatic glyphosate) - \$140/acre

There is a potential to work with a new spray contractor, Isaac Casteneda, Weed Management Company, who has conducted similar work for other public entities. The District is not under contract with any spray

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contractors at the moment. Kelly proposed that we continue with Washburn Spray Services for the winter pre/post-emergent spray and conduct a new RFP that includes response time maximums for the spring and summer 2024 sprays. **The Ditch Committee Members recommended that we start with a new contractor for the winter spray.**

- **City of Dixon**

- Comparison of flow rates 2019 vs. 2023. Kelly provided the Ditch Committee Members with updated tables that compare the modeled flow rates from the two West Yost studies on Tremont 3. **Ditch Committee members made no recommendations.**

- **Vegetation management**

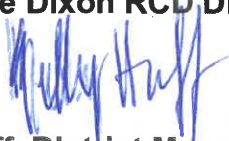
- Kelly reported that she is hoping to be able to work with CA Conservation Corps (CCC) and to get landowner cost-share to clean up at 3 potential areas that have overgrown trees along the ditch system (Tremont 1 East of Mace & T2 Lat C - Cabral/Braun). The CCC costs are around \$1,500/day for a crew of five. They would use chainsaws and a chipper. A.J. DeGroot from HD Dairy helped with the cleanup from the removal of the tree suckers on T3 – Gnos, during the T3 cleaning last year. Kelly will discuss with AJ and Craig Gnos about future management or removal of those trees. **The Ditch Committee Members recommended moving forward with the CCC crews as soon as we can.**

7. **Announcements –**

- a. **Future committee meetings will be scheduled as necessary.**

8. **Adjourn Meeting**

The Dixon RCD Ditch Committee meeting adjourned at the hour of 5:25 p.m.



Kelly Huff, District Manager, Dixon Resource Conservation District