

DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 11, 2021

DIRECTORS

DAVID VIGUIE

SAM BEUKELMAN

SPENCER BEI

DANIEL JONES

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

LEO SOUKERIS (Virtual)

DIXON RCD STAFF

KELLY HUFF, DISTRICT MANAGER

JOANNA YAC, OFFICE MANAGER (Virtual)

MARTHA MCKEEN, PROGRAM COORDINATOR (Virtual)

OTHER ATTENDEES

TERI KNIGHT, NRCS (Virtual)

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the August 11, 2021 Regular Board meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Dixon, CA for DRCD staff and Board Members.

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Roll call was taken:

Present: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Jones

Absent: Schene

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

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schene

4. Presentations – None

5. Comments from the Public – None

6. DRCD Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting dated **July 14, 2021**
- b. DRCD- Approval of Expenses from **July 15 to August 11, 2021**, and review of the 2021 / 2022 Budget.
- c. Office Management - Expenses from **July 1 to July 31, 2021**
- d. Dixon/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition – None

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

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schene

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7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report –

Ms. Teri Knight gave an update on EQIP CIC-Conservation Incentive Contracts. The target application goal for California was met. In Solano County, there were five applications. The ranking will be completed by August 16th and then 100% obligation of all contracts with money going out the door shortly after.

8. Old Business –None

9. New Business

a. Receive Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Development Update **(NO ACTION)**

Ms. Huff gave an update on the GSP and shared that the rough estimate for an average annual budget for 2023 through 2026 is \$500,000. A concept being discussed for allocating the fees would be to use assumed water use amounts using averages by crop. Director Viguie felt that there would really not be any other way to allocate it by use. Measurements with meters would not be feasible. Director Bei joined in stating that putting meters in would be costly and inaccurate if the current irrigation systems had to be retrofitted. Many of the meters have to have straight six foot sections. Director Beukelman asked, what the total acreage of the Solano Subbasin is. The total acreage of the Solano Subbasin is 354,673 and the Northwest (NW) groundwater decline focus area is 38,740 acres. The Directors had an in-depth discussion about urban and agriculture water use stating that the allocation of costs between the two needs to be studied. Additional questions were whether the fees would be paid by landowners or growers; whether allowances for types of irrigation systems would be considered.

Regarding the potential groundwater re-charge projects in the NW focus area, Director Viguie requested that roads put on the map to better locate parcels. Directors Viguie and Bei recommended that we have a presentation from The Freshwater Trust at our October Board Meeting and decide from there

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whether a landowner meeting makes sense. Ms. Huff reminded the Directors of the August 25th Virtual Townhall meeting to help them stay informed and share their comments.

- b. Services Agreement with Reclamation District 2068 – Consider entering into services agreement with RD 2068 for DRCD culvert replacements. **(ACTION)**

Ms. Huff reviewed the draft language for a service agreement between RD 2068 and Dixon RCD. She has not heard back from Bryan at RD 2068 on whether this language works for them. Ms. Huff requested recommendation to look for other service providers. Director Bei recommended to stay the course of action and wait to hear back from RD 2068.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve the service agreement language with RD 2068, if Bryan responds that it is acceptable to RD 2068. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schene

- c. Encroachment Permit – Consider encroachment permit application from PG&E for upgrades to natural gas pipeline at two locations along Dixon RCD's Lateral 3 and one location along Tremont 1 **(ACTION)**

Ms. Huff explained the details of the encroachment permit. The Directors reviewed the permit and agreed to move forward to approve the permit as long as PG&E agreed to manage the irrigation and/or storm water flow in the ditches.

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A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Jones, to approve encroachment permit for PG&E provided they properly manage the flow of water in the ditches. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schene

- d. Encroachment Permit – Consider approval of encroachment permit for Tom Nishimura’s gate installation **(ACTION)**

Ms. Huff reviewed the encroachment permit submitted by Tom Nishimura for the installation of a gate. The Directors did not see a problem with the gate.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Jones, to approve the encroachment permit for Tom Nishimura. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Schene

- e. Dixon RCD Contribution to Campbell Soup emergency excavation work on ditch off Pedrick Road **(ACTION)**

Ms. Huff reviewed the proposed contribution to reimburse a portion of the cost that Campbell Soup Company incurred to fix

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an emergency situation on May 18th on the drain that crosses Pedrick Road.

A decision was made to table Action item 9e and have the District Manager check with legal counsel to confirm that there would not be a conflict of interest since some of the Directors conduct business with the cannery (Campbell Soup).

DRCD Staff Reports:

- a. **District Manager's Report-** Ms. Huff reviewed details of her report. All of the Directors engaged in a discussion about vegetation management on Tremont 1, 2 and 3 and Lateral 1, spoils removal and ditch cleaning. Director Viguie stated there may be some need for standard operating procedures for areas where landowners or growers have maintenance responsibilities due to structures in the ditch system. Ms. Huff introduced the new office manager, Joanna Yac. Welcome, Joanna! See DRCD Manager's Report for details.

- b. **Water Quality Coalition Update-** Ms. McKeen reviewed the June 2021 pyrethroid exceedance at the Ulatis Creek/Brown Road monitoring site. She asked for input from the board of Directors for the required upcoming outreach. The Directors shared their thoughts and comments on the lambda-cyhalothrin exceedance. See WQC update report for details.

10. **Director's Report – None**

11. **Communications – None**

12. **Upcoming Events –None**

13. **Announcements – A Reminder that the next board meeting will be Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 12:00pm. A Financial Committee Meeting will be held in September in place of the Board Meeting.**

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14. Adjourn Meeting

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

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

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 1:39 p.m.



**Kelly Huff, District Manager
Dixon Resource Conservation District**