

MINUTES
DIXON REGIONAL WATERSHED
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA)
MARCH 22, 2023

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority was called to order by Chairman Bird at 6:00 p.m. at the Dixon Resource Conservation District Office Conference Room, 1170 N. Lincoln Street, Dixon, California, on March 22, 2023.

Present: Jim Ernest, City of Dixon - Voting
 Steve Bird (Mayor), City of Dixon - Voting
 Eric Schene Alt., Dixon Resource Conservation District - Not Voting
 Sam Beukelman, Dixon Resource Conservation District - Voting
 Sean Favero, Maine Prairie Water District – Voting
 Spencer Bei, Dixon Resource Conservation District - Voting
 Gene Robben, Maine Prairie Water District - Voting
 Luke DeTar, Reclamation District 2068 District – Voting
 Pat Negroni, At-Large Member - Voting

Absent: Dale Crossley, Reclamation District 2068 District

Member Agencies Staff: Kelly Huff, Dixon Resource Conservation District
 Joanna Yac, Dixon Resource Conservation District
 Deborah Barr, City of Dixon (Virtual)
 Meda Benefield, Maine Prairie Water District
 Justin Noutary, Reclamation District 2068
 Jim Lindley, City of Dixon

Guests: Doug Moore, West Yost Associates (Virtual)
 Misty Kaltreider, Solano County Resource Management (Virtual)
 Alex Rabidoux, Solano County Water Agency
 Gustavo Cruz, Solano County Water Agency

2. Public Comments – None

3. Approval of Agenda

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Ayes: Ernest, Bird, Beukelman, Bei, Robben, DeTar, Negroni
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crossley, Favero

4. Consent Calendar (ACTION)

- a. Approval of JPA Board Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2023
- b. Fund 062, Department 9620, General and Administration – Review budget. No claims for January 26, 2023 – March 22, 2023
- c. Fund 063, Division 9631, Lateral 1 Operation and Maintenance – Review budget. No claims for January 26, 2023 – March 22, 2023
- d. Fund 064, Division 9641, Project Development – Review budget. No claims for January 26, 2023 – March 22, 2023

A motion was made by Director Ernest, seconded by Director Negroni, to approve the consent calendar (4a-4d). The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Ernest, Bird, Beukelman, Bei, Robben, DeTar, Negroni
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Crossley, Favero

5. Presentations

- a. **Alex Rabidoux, Solano County Water Agency – Update on Dixon Regional Watershed Project**

Note: Director Favero arrived at the start of the presentation.

Mr. Rabidoux described the history of Solano County Water Agency working with the Joint Powers Authority and Solano County over the past 20 plus years. SCWA was asked to help facilitate stakeholder involvement pertaining to the Tremont 3 area. Trying to come together to agree on a solution, after four and a half years with some hardships, is the current goal and it seems like there is a good potential approach that all stakeholders can agree on. The long-term goal is to come up with a regional solution. Mr. Rabidoux mentioned looking at many different things such as the Northwest Focus Area, groundwater recharge, the use of SID facilities and dealing with flood waters to come up with a holistic solution. The potential “Putah Creek Alternative” could involve storing and diverting the floodwaters to Putah Creek, when they would be beneficial. There are no big problems to this alternative and it could help with Putah Creek flow mandates. Making sure multiple benefits are in place is a good way to go which will provide additional opportunities for funding.

Following Mr. Rabidoux, Ms. Barr presented on the City of Dixon's Northeast Quadrant (NEQ) Drainage Plan Schematic that is conceptual as of now. The conceptual plan is intended to be a first phase of the larger future regional plan. She explained that she was able to get all the developers, including Milk Farm, together to agree on a conceptual plan. As of now the plan is for the City of Dixon to take ownership for an approximately 25-acre basin in the southeast portion of the NEQ and create a channel bordering Interstate 80.

Following Deborah's presentation Mr. Moore from West Yost Associates explained the schematic that shows the option for a basin north and west of highway 80 "South Upper Watershed Basin" which would be an alternative to the Putah Creek Option and the location is not set.

Director Bei, recommended an idea to get water dispersed and alleviate problem water to be useful to everyone involved. Storage is still going to have to be done. It will just be more about managing the valves so the water can be managed and it can be used at a rate where everyone is happy.

6. New Business

- a. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget Adjustment – Review and consider budget adjustment for Fund 063, **Division 9631, Lateral 1 Operations & Maintenance Fund (ACTION) by Supermajority**

Secretary Huff explained that Yolo County Flood Control Agency is able to conduct maintenance at a significantly lower cost on Lateral 1. This would include 2.25 miles of cleaning as well as the bank repair at Binghamton Cemetery. Since the current FY 2022-2023 budget only estimated for spot cleaning, a budget adjustment of \$7,700 would be necessary. This maintenance would occur when weather permits and in hopes to be done in this Fiscal Year. If not, it would be pushed to the next Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Director Bei mentioned that an increase of \$7,700 may seem like a lot, but if you look back at the previous several years the maintenance has been under the estimated budget amount. Director Favero wanted clarification that if the maintenance would be done now versus in the future it would ultimately be cheaper. Secretary stated, yes, it is less expensive to conduct the cleaning all at once versus breaking it up into multiple projects.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Robben, to approve the requested budget adjustment for Fund 063. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes:	Ernest, Bird, Schene, Beukelman, Favero, Bei, Robben, DeTar, Negrone
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Crossley

- b. Receive Update on Tremont 3 Watershed Project Alternatives and Provide Direction (**ACTION**)

Note: Director Ernest and Jim Lindley left at the start of this Agenda item.

Ms. Barr explained that the next step is to go to the County's Land Use and Transportation Committee instead of going to SCWA. Chris Lee and Alex Rabidou both agreed that JPA should go to the SCWA board once there is a set preferred option. In the meantime, City will present NEQ conceptual plan to the Land Use and Transportation Committee in April and potentially the SCWA meeting in May as well as coming back to the JPA with more information in May to choose a preferred option. Then the JPA member agencies and the County could jointly go to the SCWA board with a request for support in June. With this timeline there would be hope to get letters of support and give the okay to the developers this fall.

A motion was made by Director Favero, seconded by Director Bei, to revisit the Tremont 3 Watershed Project after the April/May meetings to move forward with letters of support. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes:	Ernest, Bird, Schene, Beukelman, Favero, Bei, Robben, DeTar, Negroni
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Crossley

7. Secretary's Report-

- a. 032223 Secretary's Report- None

8. Announcements

- a. Please remember to keep the 4th Wednesday of each available should a JPA Board Meeting be called.
- b. The next JPA meeting date was tentatively set for May 24, 2023.

9. Adjournment

The Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:13 p.m.

Attest:



Kelly Huff
Secretary



Steve Bird
Chairman