

MINUTES - *CORRECTED*
DIXON REGIONAL WATERSHED
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA)
JANUARY 27, 2021

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority was called to order by Chairman Pederson at 6:05 p.m. via Zoom online and teleconference January 27, 2021.

Present: Scott Pederson, City of Dixon
 Steve Bird (Mayor), City of Dixon
 Jim Ernest (V-Mayor), City of Dixon Alternate
 Sam Beukelman, Dixon Resource Conservation District
 Spencer Bei, Dixon Resource Conservation District
 Gene Robben, Maine Prairie Water District
 Sean Favero, Maine Prairie Water District
 Dale Crossley, RD2068 District
 Luke DeTar, RD2068 District
 Pat Negroni, Member At Large

Absent:

Member Agencies Staff: Kelly Huff, Dixon Resource Conservation District
 Brook Rosenberger, DRCD
 Joe Leach, City of Dixon

Guests: Doug Moore, West Yost Associates
 Alex Rabadoux, SCWA
 Gustavo Cruz, SCWA
 Jim Lindley, City of Dixon
 Bill Emlen, County of Solano
 Terry Schmidtbauer, County of Solano
 Matt Tuggle, County of Solano
 Morton & Pitalo / Developer
 South End Rowing Club
 Tom Maulhardt / Campbell Soup
 Unknown guest from 707-592-6984

2. Public Comments – None

3. Approval of Agenda

There was no discussion on this item.

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

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

4. Election of Officers

a. Election of JPA Officers – Chairman and Vice Chairman. (ACTION)

Director Pederson stated that he would be happy to continue as Chairman and he also nominated Mayor Steve Bird to serve as Vice Chairman. There was no other discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve the Election nominees for Chairman (Pederson) and Vice Chairman (Bird).

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

b. Finance Committee Election – 2 Positions (ACTION)

Director Beukelman stated that he would step into the Financial Committee, to replace Director Minnema. There was no other discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Director DeTar, seconded by Director Bei, to approve the Election nominees for the Financial Committee (Pederson and Beukelman). Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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

5. Consent Calendar (ACTION)

There was no discussion on these items.

- a. Approval of JPA Minutes for October 21, 2020.

- b. Fund 062, Department 9620, General and Administration – Review budget and approve claims through December 16, 2020 – January 27, 2021.
- c. Fund 063, Division 9631, Lateral 1 Operation and Maintenance – Review budget and approve claims through December 16, 2020 – January 27, 2021.
- d. Fund 064, Division 9641, Project Development – Review budget and approve claims through December 16, 2020 – January 27, 2021.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve the consent calendar (5a-5d). The motion passed as follows:

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

6. Presentations –

- a. Mr. Moore from West Yost went through his presentation. Many board members asked questions throughout the presentation.
 - i. Chairman Pedersen asked what the lower basin percolation rate would be? Mr. Moore said about ¼ inch per day rate, which is relatively low.
 - ii. Would Dixon crossing and Walmart detention ponds remain in place?
 - iii. What made the difference between 108 cfs & 55 cfs for 100-year release from the detention pond?
 - iv. What water is captured by the detention ponds under the current design and if discharge is 55 cfs is that still good?
 - v. Director Bei stated that it is very important that the study by SCWA take into consideration that the Dixon RCD Tremont 3 system was not designed to take drainage from lands North of I80.
 - vi. Director Bei also stated that it is very important and essential that this new proposal does not harm Campbell’s Soup or any other farms in this path.
 - vii. Chairmen Pedersen stated that the City in no way wants to push any businesses out – the City is a huge supporter of local business – The goal is for all to benefit not just for the City to benefit.
 - viii. Mayor Steve Bird asked where does the County sit on this, aren’t they participating?
 - ix. Terry Schmidtbauer responded that the County is worried about zoning issues, water flow issues and costs to farmers. The County Transportation and Landuse Committee met to discuss the issue and the Supervisors on the Committee echoed staff concerns.
 - x. Director Favero asked if development in the agricultural industrial service area will benefit all farmers and why the proposed basin project would be considered urban development?

- xi. Matt Tuggle from the County responded that the County and the City of Dixon have different drainage standards. The County would like to know what the potential costs would be for alternatives to the detention basin. He suggested maybe even “Storm water Easements”.
 - xii. Director Bei stated that things are changing, over the last 10 years permanent trees vs crops are very plentiful. The common sense approach will allow the City to develop, allow the Ag community to continue farming and benefit everyone – it’s a win / win!
- b. Solano County Water Agency Progress Report – Phase II Update of the Dixon Watershed Management Plan – Alex Rabidoux (SCWA) reported that the consultant for the Phase II work has only received feedback from the RCD on historical flood damages so there still needs to be collaboration to get additional information from other agencies. The Phase II Work is also reviewing the different drainage standards with the objective to find common ground and to look for solutions to potential damages downstream. Alex said they are planning two week check-ins with the consultant to move the project along.

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business

- a. **Review DRAFT Pre-Design Evaluation Technical Memo for the Proposed City of Dixon NEQ Drainage System. (ACTION)**

There was no discussion

A motion was made by Director Bird, seconded by Director Bei, to approve the Draft Pre-Design Evaluation Technical Memo as the preferred project. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Bei, Beukelman, Pedersen, Robben, DeTar, Bird, Negroni, Favero*, Crossley*. **Favero and Crossley arrived late.*
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent:

Next steps would be to come up with cost allocations and begin CEQA. So that put a question to the JPA, of when to meet again. After a short discussion it was decided that the next JPA meeting would be February 24, 2021 to review a scope and cost for the next steps. The Dixon City Council will receive a presentation on the project at their February 16th Meeting as well.

- b. **Audit – Consider Accepting the Independent Auditor’s Report of Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020**

There was no discussion

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve the Auditor's Report for FY 2019/2020. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Bei, Beukelman, Pedersen, Robben, DeTar, Negroni, Bird
Nays: None
Abstain: Crossley
Absent: Favero *Favero left early due to technical difficulties.

c. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Adjustment – Review and consider budget adjustment for Fund 063, Division 9631, Operation and Maintenance – ACTION by Supermajority

Ms. Huff described the fall 2020 maintenance activities at the Pond A stilling basin and Lateral 1A and the associated costs for the requested budget increase. The Board discussed and decided to vote on the ATR without adding an estimated cost for the spoils management at this time.

Director Bei said he wanted to drop a positive and stated that historically the annual average Lateral 1 maintenance costs have been significantly under budget. Ms. Huff explained that the original estimated annual maintenance costs for the Pond A / Lateral 1 Project were \$7,000 to \$10,000 per year and the actual average costs over the last fifteen years were between \$2,500 and \$4,700 and for the last five years were between \$3,500 and \$8,900.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Pedersen, to approve the \$8,730.00 budget increase for operations and maintenance. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Bei, Beukelman, Pedersen, Robben, DeTar, Bird, Crossley, Negroni
Nays: None
Abstain:
Absent: Favero* *Favero left the meeting early due to technical issues

d. Review and Consider Options for Fall 2021 Lateral 1 Maintenance Activities. Provide Direction to JPA Secretary – (ACTION)

Ms. Huff explained that usually Dixon RCD pays up front then seeks reimbursement, but if we do a full system excavation of Lateral 1, then Dixon RCD proposes that JPA contract for that directly.

Director Bei thinks we need to continue to spot clean as necessary. This will buy us time and money for now.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Bei, to approve proposed Fall Maintenance plan, and continue to do spot cleans as necessary. The motion passed as follows:


Ayes: Bei, Beukelman, Pedersen, Robben, DeTar, Bird,
Negroni, Crossley
Nays: None
Abstain:
Absent: Favero *Favero left the meeting early due to technical
issues

8. **Secretary's Report** - Mrs. Huff gave the status of all current reports at this time. Please refer to the secretary staff report for further detail.
9. **Announcements** - The next JPA meeting will be February 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM.
10. **Adjournment**
The Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:15 p.m.

Attest:



Kelly Huff
Secretary



Scott Pederson
Chairman