

**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
MAY 12, 2021**

DIRECTORS

DAVID VIGUIE

SAM BEUKELMAN

SPENCER BEI

ERIC SCHENE

DANIEL JONES

DIXON RCD STAFF

KELLY HUFF, DISTRICT MANAGER

BROOK ROSENBERGER, OFFICE MANAGER

OTHER ATTENDEES

TERI KNIGHT, NRCS

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the May 12, 2021 Regular Board meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Dixon, CA for DRCD staff and Board Members.

Roll call was taken:

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Present: Viguie, Bei, Beukelman, Schene, Jones

Absent: None

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 Schene, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve the agenda. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Presentations – None

5. DRCD Consent Calendar

a. Approval of DRCD Minutes from the Board Meeting dated **April 21, 2021**

b. Approval of Minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting dated **May 6, 2021**

c. Dixon RCD – Approval of Expenses from **April 22 to May 12, 2021** and review of the 2020 / 2021 Budget

d. Office Management – Approval of Expenses from **April 1 to April 30, 2021** and review of the 2020 / 2021 Budget

e. Dixon/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition – Approval of Expenses from **April 22 to May 12, 2021** and review of the 2020 / 2021 Budget

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A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Jones, to approve the Consent Calendar Items 5a-5e. The motion passed as follows:

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

6. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report –

Ms. Teri Knight gave a presentation. This presentation summarized the 2018 Farm Bill and how it applies to local work groups within our county. After the presentation Ms. Knight asked some questions that she was hoping for feedback from DRCD board members on. She asked, “Are NRCS Programs addressing local area concerns?”; “What needs are not being met?” There was discussion amongst the members and ultimately they came up with 2 areas that they felt should be focused on for the Dixon District and those are; Tractor Program and Irrigation System.

Ms. Knight then asked if the “Partnership Projects” were working. The response was YES and everyone unanimously agreed that the “E-sign” option is fantastic.

Ms. Knight then moved the discussion to highlighting the Resource Concerns that were addressed in 2020. She gave the members a list of almost 20 concerns over the past year and asked the Board to identify the top 3 in their mind. Results;

1. Air Quality Emissions for 2022 / Director Bei expressed that these regulations continue to have a big impact on operations and NRCS assistance will continue to be important.
2. Source Water Depletion
3. Field Sediment, nutrient and pathogen, pesticide loss

Director Viguie commented on the water depletion and how it coincides with the SGMA state wide. He also expressed about the process of lumping all growers together when looking at practices and how that is not going to provide accurate data.

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Director Viguie stated that he feels the process within NRCS could improve regarding timelines. The requirements that the grower cannot do anything until all the paperwork has been approved – time line provided is not in line with business practices. He foresees it as a big challenge to fit into the NRCS programs. Ms. Knight recognizes this area and wants to address it, possibly using an ECP or waivers for growers to early start the programs.

Director Bei commented again on the impact of the new emissions mandate for 2022 and how much assistance was needed to support that program. Director Bei also stated that the “Drip Irrigation Movement” is a great thing and it will bring additional benefits to water quality etc.

When the Board was asked if there was anything else, Director Viguie brought up the act of “de-commissioning” wells and how costly it is. It would be great if NRCS could get involved with that process and provide assistance. He quoted that the whole process begins at a minimum of \$20,000 and there are a lot of old wells in this area.

7. Comments from the Public – NONE

8. Old Business – NONE

9. New Business

a. 2020 – 2021 Budget Year-End Projections - Receive staff report for the Year-End Projections. – (NO ACTION)

Mrs. Huff gave an overview of the upcoming year end projections, ultimately ending this fiscal year with a positive net position of approximately \$10,000.

No action was required

b. Health and Welfare Benefits Policy 3505 – Review Policy Committee Recommendations to the Board for Changes to Policy. (ACTION)

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Mrs. Huff gave an overview of the proposed policy to the board. With staff transitions, it is an appropriate time to review these policies. The staff and policy committee recommendations are, as much as possible, in sync with Solano RCD, acknowledging that we are cost sharing employees between the two RCD's.

Per proposal Director Viguie suggested that we split this staff report into two issues... 1. The Health and Welfare Policy and 2. The Schedule of rates – stating that the Schedule of rates needs to be centralized.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Jones, have the policy as b1 and the schedule of rates as b2. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Viguie, to approve the Policy pending legal approval as b1, and approve the Schedule of Rates as the second item 9b. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- c. Standards of Conduct and Ethical Behavior Policy 3200 – Review Policy Committee Recommendations to the Board for Changes to Policy. (ACTION)**

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Mrs. Huff gave a quick summary of the overall updates to the policy. There were no questions.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Schene, to approve Policy Committees recommendation of the policy 3200. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

10. DRCD District Manager's Report –

a. **District Manager Report** – Mrs. Huff gave a brief status report of all current projects at this time. See DRCD Manager's Report for details.

b. **Water Quality Coalition Update – None**

11. Director's Report – None

12. Communications – None

13. Upcoming Events –None

14. Announcements – A Reminder that the next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 12:00pm.

15. Adjourn Meeting

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

Yeas: Viguie, Beukelman, Bei, Schene, Jones

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 1:20 p.m.



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