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# DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD) MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 2022

#### DIRECTORS

**DAVID VIGUIE** 

SAM BEUKELMAN

SPENCER BEI

**ERIC SCHENE** 

**DANIEL JONES** 

# **ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS**

**LEO SOUKERIS (Virtual)** 

JIM CAMPBELL

## **DIXON RCD STAFF**

KELLY HUFF, DISTRICT MANAGER

JOANNA YAC, OFFICE MANAGER

MARTHA MCKEEN, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

## **OTHER ATTENDEES**

**DEBORAH BARR, CITY OF DIXON (Virtual)** 

## 1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the August 10, 2022 Board meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Dixon, CA for DRCD staff and Board Members.

Roll call was taken:

Present:

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

Yeas:

Viguie, Beukelman, Schene, Bei, Jones

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

# 4. Presentations - None

# 5. Comments from the Public- None

# 6. DRCD Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting dated July 13, 2022
- b. DRCD- Approval of Expenses from July 14 to August 10, 2022, and review of the 2022-2023 budget
- c. Office Management Approval of Expenses from July 1 to July 31, 2022, and review of the 2022 / 2023 Budget
- d. Dixon/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition None
- Adopt Resolution to Allow Board Participation by Remote Meeting through September 2022

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Schene, to approve the Consent Calendar items 6a-6e. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas:

Viguie, Beukelman, Schene, Bei, Jones

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

# 7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report -

Mr. Drew Mather sent in a report for NRCS that Ms. Huff read. Mr. Mather is busy right now with extensive deadlines and still currently filling in as District Conservationist for Ms. Knight until the end of August. The game of musical chairs is still being played as the positions are being filled. For financial updates five applications have been preapproved and staff are working hard to get them approved by the end of August. The applications are for a tractor replacement, a declining species riparian habitat improvement, and irrigation improvements on cropland. See NRCS report for more details.

## 8. Old Business -

a. Provide input to Solano County and City of Dixon staff regarding Transportation and Drainage within the District: Review and Approve Map of Priority Areas within Dixon RCD (ACTION)

Ms. Huff explained that she spoke to all the Board members to call out problem locations for drainage and transportation and marked them on a map. The map compiled will be given to Deborah Barr from the City of Dixon. Ms. Huff mentioned that Tremont 3 is the biggest problem as far as drainage goes as a consensus. For transportation Pedrick was the biggest problem area. Director Viguie mentioned to Ms. Huff to add Pedrick Road's overpass to the transportation priorities map key. In addition Director Beukelman mentioned adding using Kidwell on the map key as well would be beneficial to jog their memory from what was said at the July board meeting.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Bei, to approve the recommended changes and approve the updated map and key. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas:

Viguie, Beukelman, Schene, Bei, Jones

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

#### 9. New Business-

a. Receive Update on Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (NO ACTION)

The July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was also the Proposition 218 public hearing regarding per acre fees and was a tough one for the GSA. Director Bei reported that he continued to answer questions from individuals after the meeting who felt misinformed and had push back. He reported that the decision to approve the fees was made because the GSA needed to secure the funds in the short term and the structure of the fees can be re-evaluated in the future to make it more fair. Ms. Huff mentioned there weren't a lot of water quality coalition members at the meeting and she thinks this is because of Martha keeping them informed. Associate Director Campbell brought up that he wanted some clarification on wells and the final decisions made by the GSA. Ms. Huff stated emergency and repairs on existing wells are okay if it falls within the declarations. Associate Director Campbell also mentioned he was informed that if you get a new well you have to abandon the old one. Ms. Huff mentioned that when it comes to new wells it becomes more difficult.

 b. Upper Tremont 3 Watershed Landowner / Operator / Business Owner Survey – Review draft survey and provide direction to staff (ACTION)

In collaboration with Solano County Resource Management, Solano Subbasin GSA, SCWA, and SID would like to send out roughly 150 surveys to landowners in August or September. This is to look at water supply and drainage in the Northwest Focus area of the Solano Subbasin that includes Tremont 3. The board

was open to partaking, but would like to add some inputs. Director Viguie mentioned that there needs to be questions on why the well went dry since there had to be some history to it that needs to be known. In addition to that remark he mentioned seasonal reduction needs to be added to the questionnaire and no check box options that aren't broad. Give people the chance to respond "other" and explain.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Schene, to approve to provide alternative recommendations. The motion passed as follows:

Yeas:

Viguie, Beukelman, Schene, Bei, Jones

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

## 10. DRCD Staff Reports:

- a. <u>District Manager's Report</u>- Ms. Huff gave an update on ditch maintenance, Mike Kett cleaned ½ mile of Lateral 3 and is planning a cleaning along Tremont 3. For project reviews Ms. Huff met with Doug Moore from West Yost Associates and Deborah Barr from City of Dixon to discuss the Dixon Milk Farm project and its expectations from DRCD. The district is not in the position to annex any new properties in the Tremont 3 area without the regional drainage being determined. The board mentioned and felt strongly about housing not being built in the Northeast Quadrant. See District Manager's Report for more details.
- b. Water Quality Coalition Update- Ms. McKeen gave an update on the Irrigated Land Program. No revoking of memberships were needed this year and only four late reporting fees. The result of a loss of 10,000 acres in the DMT was due to non-irrigated, fallow, development, wetlands and more. The all members meeting is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. as a hybrid. Only a max of 20

people will be able to attend in person. See Program Coordinator's Report for more details.

- 11. Director's Report -None
- 12. Communications None
- 13. Upcoming Events -None
- 14. <u>Announcements A Reminder that the next board meeting will be</u>
  <u>Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 12:00pm.</u>

Note: The Financial Committee, is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on September 14, 2022

## 15. 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, Schene, Bei, Jones

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

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

Kelly Huff, District Manager

**Dixon Resource Conservation District**