

**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
MARCH 14, 2018**

DIRECTORS

**DAVID VIGUIE, PRESIDENT
SPENCER BEI
SAM BEUKELMAN
ROBERT CHOPE GILL**

DIXON RCD STAFF

**JOHN S. CURREY, DISTRICT MANAGER
BROOK ROSENBERGER, OFFICE MANAGER**

OTHER ATTENDEES

**JIM CAMPBELL – ASSOCIATE MEMBER
WENDY RASH – NRCS**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the March 14, 2018, Board meeting to order at 6:01 pm at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Bei, Gill, Beukelman, Viguie
Absent:

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

Ayes: Bei, Gill, Beukelman, Viguie
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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4. **Comments from the Public – None**
5. **DRCD Consent Calendar**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated February 14, 2018.**
 - b. **Approval of Expenses from February 15, 2018 to March 14, 2018, and review of the 2016 / 2017 Budget Update.**

There was no discussion on these items.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Gill, to approve the Consent Calendar as well as the amended Financial Report. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Bei, Gill, Beukelman, Viguie
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report**

Mrs. Rash is back from her temporary assignment, welcome back! Mrs. Rash announced that May is the final deadline for the current program. She reported that NRCS has 14 active projects and approximately 4 more are coming.

Mrs. Rash talked about “new” issues and concerns with the recent legalization of producing marijuana. Due to the fact that NRCS is a Federal organization, and marijuana is not legal, any farmer will be ineligible for any of the NRCS programs if they produce any marijuana on any of their land.

Mrs. Rash announced that the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) is embarking on a rather large re-organization. As of now they are regrouping to be Farm Production Services which combines 3 entities; FSA =Farm Service Administration, RMA = Risk Management Agency & NRCS = Natural Resource Conservation Service. She reported that they are taking all of Administrative Services for the three different divisions and combing them into one organization.

Approval was just passed to fill 5 open state wide positions.

On a local update, Mrs. Rash has been very busy with workshops. Cover Crops, Irrigation, Plant Materials are all happening and doing well. They are trying to train the trainer, make more of an outreach. There is a positive response to the programs.

Farm Bill is in discussion right now, projected for 2019 implementation.

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7. Presentations – None

8. DRCD/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition (Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program) – Monthly Reports

- a. **Approval of Expenses**
- b. **Activities Reports – None**

Mrs. Huff will be presenting at the April 11, 2018 meeting.

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business

- a. **Highway 113 Culvert Replacement – Receive staff report regarding Highway 113 culvert failure and ongoing discussion with Caltrans related to the culvert replacement and provide direction to staff regarding Dixon RCD's potential financial commitments**

Mr. Currey talked about the parties involved, the options on the table at this time, the scenarios that may occur. All parties are waiting for the estimate bids to come in before discussing how to move forward on the repair.

Mr. Viguie stated that Mr. Currey can make decisions up to \$8,000, anything over that needs to be brought back to the board for discussion.

The Board consensus was that there is no action required at this time. The Board reserves the right to discuss this again once actual bids have been submitted.

- b. **2018/19 Budget Preparations – Provide direction to staff in preparation for the upcoming ditch maintenance and personal committee meetings**

Mr. Currey discussed scheduling the upcoming Ditch Maintenance Committee meeting for the last week in March. Mr. Currey wants to get a feeling for how the committee feels about work performed this year. Meeting TBD

Mr. Currey also wants to schedule a Personal Committee meeting; the main topics being managers review and health insurance benefits for employees. The committee is available the first week of April. Meeting TBD

11. DRCD Staff Reports

District Manager's Report

Mr. Currey reported about the following:

Ditch Maintenance:

Spraying: As of 2/28/18 72% of the system has been completed, unfinished spraying is due to weather.

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Ditch Cleaning: Tremont 2, Lateral E is complete. We are undergoing a review of excavation activities and expenses.

Other Maintenance Issues: Worked with NRCS on 2/22 – 2/2/8 and began survey work on Laterals 3 & 4A. Initial survey work is complete; however some follow-up still needs to be done before it is presented to the Board.

Ditch Fees:

Mr. Currey reported that as of March 13, 2018 we have deposited \$115239.55 or 97% of the budget (\$117,668). Included in the deposits was \$1321.72 from landowners which were applied to prior years.

The second billing went out with the incorrect due date. Invoices said 4/30, and should have been 3/20. 14 payments are still outstanding.

EIR and Project Reviews:

Agricultural Industrial Service Area (AISA): The March meeting was rescheduled for April 2. On the agenda is to review the Dixon Regional Watershed Management Plan.

Other Items:

SID Board Vacancy:

Announcement that a seat on the SID Board is open..deadline for nominations are 3/17/18 5 pm

Grant Funding:

Freshwater Trust: They have requested a letter of support for a DWR water grant. Main applicant is San Diego for their toilet to tap project.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA): The Solano Sub-basin GSA will likely meet on April 12. A workshop tentatively scheduled for June and a kick-off meeting in June or July for the Board.

Regional Drainage Projects (Dixon Regional Watershed JPA):

Mr. Currey will schedule a meeting with Maine Prairie once bids have been submitted.

California Special District Association (CSDA): The Board has received a request for nominations to the CSDA's Board.

California Association of Resource Conservation District (CARCD): The focus this month was the Californian Legislative Agenda. Discussion of the proposed budget which has a \$1.25 billion from the cap & trade funds, of which \$5 Mil is for CDFA's State Water Efficiency Enhancement Program, \$10 mil for

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CDFA's Healthy Soils Program and \$160 mil for Cal Fires Health Forest program..

Office and John's Schedule:

Mr. Currey anticipates taking up to 5 days off in April.

12. **Directors Report - None.**
13. **Communications - None**
14. **Upcoming Events - None**
15. **Announcements**
The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be April 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.
16. **Adjourn Meeting**
The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:24 p.m.



**Brook Rosenberger
Office Manager
Dixon Resource Conservation District**