

**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)  
MINUTES FOR  
APRIL 9, 2014**

**DIRECTORS**

**MARK HOLDENER, PRESIDENT  
SAM BEUKELMAN  
RICK MARTINEZ  
DAVID VIGUIE**

**DIXON RCD STAFF**

**JOHN S. CURREY, DISTRICT MANAGER  
JANICE BEAMAN, OFFICE MANAGER**

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

**JIM CAMPBELL, ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

**1. Call the Meeting to Order**

President Holdener called the April 9, 2014, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: President Holdener, Directors Sam Beukelman, Rick Martinez,  
\*David Viguie

Absent: None

\*Director Viguie arrived at 6:44 p.m.

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

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Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Holdener  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Viguie

4. **Comments from the Public - None**

5. **Presentations - None**

6. **Matters Relating to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area:**

a. **Approval of Expense from March 13, 2014 – April 9, 2014 and review of the 2013 / 014 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey noted a remittance to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife is included.

A motion as made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve payment of expenses. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Holdener  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Viguie

b. **Activities Report – Monthly Summary of Staff's Activities.**

Mr. Currey discussed helping with the leasing documents and the services the Dixon RCD wants to provide.

Director Martinez felt the services need to be comparable and noted that resident in the Yolo Bypass, Mike Brock, is concerned that he may have to move.

Mr. Currey replied that the house Mr. Brock's rents will likely be connected to the Grazing lease, but it may be under separate agreement.

This item was filed.

7. **Matters relating to the DRCD/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition (Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program):**

a. **Approval of Expenses from March 13, 2014 – April 9, 2014, and review of the 2013 / 2014 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey reviewed the expenses, discussed the pending State fee increase and that the budget will be reconciled next month. He discussed the increase in workload and that it will be discussed more in depth.

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A motion as made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve payment of expenses. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Holdener  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Viguie

### **b. Activities Report – Monthly Summary of Staff’s Activities.**

Mr. Currey discussed collaborating with Don Weston, UC Berkeley, relating to grant funding to conduct pesticide study in Ulatis Creek and a request from Water Quality Control Board to help with information about the Delta Methyl Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). He discussed the difference between mercury and Methyl Mercury, the irrigation being checked for mercury in Solano County, and thought Solano County is a small contributor of mercury.

This item was filed.

### **8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report** None

### **9. DRCD Consent Calendar:**

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated March 12, 2014.**
- b. Approval of Expenses from March 13, 2014 – April 9, 2014, and review of the 2013 / 2014 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey noted an amended Financial Report was distributed.

A motion was made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Viguie, to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Holdener, Viguie  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

### **10. Old Business**

- a. Northeast Dixon Ag Service Area: Button Transportation Project – Receive update and consider future action.**

Mr. Currey reported that Bill Emlen, Director of Solano County Resource Management Department, has started developing their Scope of Work to hire an Engineer. He also noted that Solano County has referred projects to Dixon RCD for review.

This item was filed.

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### 11. New Business

#### a. **Dixon / Solano RCD Water Quality – Consider approving the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition Agreement.**

Mr. Currey reported that the Advisory Committee met and reviewed the Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and there were no changes. However, there is one error that will be corrected. He noted that all 13 member watersheds are considering approval of the agreement and he recommended Dixon RCD and Solano RCD to approve the MOA.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Viguie, to approve the MOA with the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition members. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Holdener, Viguie  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

#### b. **Dixon / Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition – Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Dixon and Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition Fees.**

Mr. Currey identified one minor change and clarified language on Page 2. The Advisory Committee met and felt they are worth continuing. Mr. Currey discussed the Advisory Committee being a Standing Committee and subject to the Brown Act. He noted the dispute resolution language has been included in the MOU.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Martinez, to approve the MOU for the Dixon and Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Holdener, Viguie  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

#### c. **Dixon / Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition – Consider adopting the Advisory Committee Recommendation on Back Fees.**

Mr. Currey reported that the Advisory Committee recommendation is to charge \$7.50 per acre in back fees during the 120 day period that the State is not imposing fines. It is further recommended that after the 120 days, to charge the full amount back to the start of the program or back to the landowner's obligation. He noted the letters from the State will be sent about May 1<sup>st</sup> and then there will be a three month grace period. Those being billed now will get notice of new regulations and identify who is responsible. He felt the most important is to

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report and to report truthfully and accurately. Mr. Currey responded to Board questions.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Martinez, to approve the Advisory Committee's recommendations to charge \$7.50 per acre in back fees during the 120 day period that the State is not imposing fines and after the 120 days, to charge the full amount back to the start of the program or back to the landowner's obligation. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Holdener, Viguie  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**d. Dixon Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition – Consider being listed as a collaborator on grant proposal for water quality research.**

Mr. Currey discussed the background of Don Weston of UC Berkeley and his work relating to pesticides. The advantage of collaborating with him on this grant is the District would see the results immediately.

A motion was made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Viguie, to collaborate on a grant proposal for water quality research with Don Weston. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Holdener, Viguie  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**e. Aquatic Weed Maintenance – Consider Reclamation District 2068's request for payment of maintenance cost for control of Sago and Horned Pondweed.**

Mr. Currey presented the background for this item and reviewed the maps. He stated the Sago and Horned Pondweed are growing in the District's ditches before it reaches RD 2068. Mr. Currey said the District is responsible for a percentage of the impact and they appear at the beginning of RD 2068. There is nothing in the agreement to address treatment. Mr. Currey noted that Mr. Hardesty would like to work with the District by sharing costs since it is already under the District's NPDES permit.

Director Martinez thought the existing agreement would address this and thought the Board might want to review the first agreement. He discussed liability, function of irrigation, water rights, and thought the agreement could be amended.

Director Viguie discussed if the Reclamation District gets the water free and the maintenance cost to the District.

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Mr. Currey discussed the question of benefit, whose benefit, that this is an unidentified expense, and the costs should be equitable. He further noted that RD 2068 is installing measuring weirs to measure accurately.

The Board asked for this item return next month.

**f. Health and Welfare Benefits – Consider Personnel Committee’s Recommendation to Adjust the Health Insurance Allowance.**

Mr. Currey noted that the Personnel Committee met and supported the Board approved third year cycle of a salary increase of 2.2%, based on the 2013 Consumer Price Index. The salary cycle allowed for health insurance adjustments and noted the health premium increased by 44%. He requested the Committee to consider increasing the monthly health allowance to \$575 and the Committee agreed. He also noted that if the health allowance increases, then those employees who decline health coverage would receive an increase of \$105 per month. He thought that health allowances could be reviewed next year when the cycle expires.

Mr. Campbell expressed concern if there could be a penalty with Obama care.

A motion was made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Viguie, to approve the Personnel Committee’s recommendation to increase the health allowance to \$575 per month. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Beukelman, Martinez, Holdener, Viguie  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**g. 2013 / 2014 Budget Adjustments – Review the Third Quarter Budget Projections and consider Budget Adjustments for Fund 024, Department 9823, Dixon Resource Conservation District.**

Mr. Currey noted that he is working on the third quarter budget adjustments and that he will have it ready for next month

This item was continued to the May 14, 2014, meeting.

**12. DRCD Staff Reports**

**a. District Manager’s Report**

Mr. Currey reported:

- That ditch spaying was supposed to be done before the rain. President Holdener asked about Don Holdener’s area;
- That the culvert on Hackman Road should be replaced and that the pipe could possibly cost \$4,000, of which Dixon RCD pays. Solano County

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would cover the cost of excavation and road repair. He noted this is the first project being done with Solano County and hoped to do another on Radio Station Road. Director Viguie suggested using pipe being taken out for other use;

- Approximately 94% of the Ditch fees have been received and the second billing will be mailed, but not by certified mail, and that is inconsistent with the policy;
- That the Solano County Water Agency is making the amendment relating to the jurisdictional water matters included in the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). He discussed pollution of water not covered under the HCP, exemptions to the Corp of Engineers permit, future payments to SCWA and inadvertent language that could be detrimental to the District;
- About meeting with the Solano Land Trust and looking for community members to serve of the Ag Advisory Committee;
- About having a better relationship with Solano County because they have referred two projects (Harris Moran greenhouses and Superior Farms expansion) to the District for review and discussed each project; and
- That he is working on next year's budget.

### **b. District Engineer's Report - None**

### **13. Director's Report - None**

### **14. Communications - None**

### **15. Upcoming Events**

- a. A DRCD Budget Committee Meeting will be scheduled in April.
- b. The next Dixon Regional Watershed Authority Board Meeting will be determined.

### **16. Announcements**

The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be May 14, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

### **17. Adjournment**

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned to the hour of 8:25 p.m.



Janice Beaman  
Office Manager, CMC  
Dixon Resource Conservation District