



**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
MARCH 11, 2015**

DIRECTORS

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

DIXON RCD STAFF

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

OTHER ATTENDEES

**WENDY RASH, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST
LEO SOUKERIS, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
JEFF STODDARD, YOLO BYPASS WILDLIFE AREA DIRECTOR**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

President Holdener called the March 11, 2015, Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie, Holdener
Absent: None

2. Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established.

3. Approve the Agenda

Mr. Currey noted there is an amended agenda.

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

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

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4. **Comments from the Public - None**
5. **Presentations – None**
6. **Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area – Monthly Reports**
 - a. **Approval of Expenses – Approve budget adjustment and final distribution from the DRCD Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area account (Fund 424) and authorize closure of this fund, effective June 30, 2015.**

Mr. Currey requested approval of the final distribution, budget adjustment and expenses. He noted the account will be closed by June 30, 2015.

A motion was made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve the final distribution, budget adjustment and expenses from the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area account. The motion passed as follows:

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

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

Mr. Currey noted that Mr. Stoddard came to say "thank you".

Mr. Stoddard thanked the Board for 12 years of service. He appreciated the work the Board has done and for their help in moving the responsibilities to the new RCD. The two RCD staff members are working together and going through each major event.

Director Martinez noted he was on the selection committee for the Request for Proposals (RFP) recently received. He provided some suggestions for the next time RFP's are requested.

This item was filed.

7. **DRCD/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition (Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program) – Monthly Reports**
 - a. **Approval of Expenses – None**
 - b. **Activities Reports – Monthly Summary of Staff's Activities - None**
8. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report**

Ms. Rash discussed the opportunities for funding between the Department of Water Resources and NRCS. She noted that Tim Harts will be developing the State guidelines.

Director Martinez felt what farmers need are less variables.

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This item was filed.

9. DRCD Consent Calendar

- a. **Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated February 11, 2015.**
- b. **Approval of Expenses from February 12, 2015, to March 11, 2015, and review of the 2014 / 2015 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey noted the workers' compensation expenses were added.

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

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

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- a. **Ditch Maintenance Fees – Receive report regarding the type and nature of Ditch Maintenance Fee and provide direction to staff regarding future fee adjustments.**

Mr. Currey reported the new legal counsel was hired and was asked to review ditch fees, discussed the Prop 218 process, general election voting process and landowner voting process, and suggested doing the study in case a rate change is necessary. He also discussed the active effort to define stormwater to be equivalent to waste water, water and solid waste for the purpose of Prop 218 rate adjustment. If this effort is successful then the process of changing the rate would end at the protest vote.

Mr. Soukeris asked if income is enough to cover the costs.

Director Martinez responded that for the last 11 years, the Yolo Bypass has basically covered the shortfall in ditch fees. As in the previous Yolo Bypass discussion and action, those funds are ending this fiscal year. Director Martinez preferred a basic study at minimal cost and felt it would provide the necessary information.

Mr. Currey noted the rate study would confirm assumptions for a rate increase, discussed the next steps, thought a low cost study may be sufficient, and made the District Directors aware that they will need to educate the payers about the rate increase.

Mr. Soukeris thought that as long as the District seeks input, that the increase should be understood, but felt currently many do not understand.

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The Board directed Mr. Currey to get information on performing a rate study.

This item was filed.

12. DRCD Staff Reports

a. District Manager's Report

Mr. Currey reviewed his written report and the discussed the following:

- Director Martinez discussed the Campbell Soup and tenant dispute, thought there should not be waste water in ditch, and Campbell Soup should be responsible for infrastructure that they previously installed;
- The District is working with Mr. Malitz who wants to revitalize his property. The District will be improving our ditch maintenance road on his property, including three field drains to replace cuts in the access road previously created by the District;
- District policy and philosophy regarding ditch, water usage, and efficiency of surface water and its use.

b. District Engineer's Report - None

13. Directors Report

Director Martinez discussed the Maine Prairie meeting attended to explain the Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority (JPA) responsibilities. He noted that Maine Prairie will be asking for limited exposure and thought possibly the two board members and two staff members did not understand.

Mr. Currey noted he will be spending more time with them and to discuss their role with the JPA.

14. Communications

None

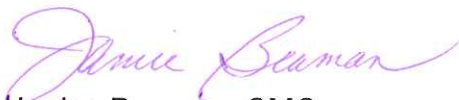
15. Upcoming Events

16. Announcements

The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

17. Adjourn Meeting

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:20 p.m.



Janice Beaman, CMC
Office Manager
Dixon Resource Conservation District