



**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
JULY 12, 2017**

DIRECTORS

SPENCER BEI

SAM BEUKELMAN

ROBERT CHOPE GILL

DAVID VIGUIE

DIXON RCD STAFF

JOHN S. CURREY, DISTRICT MANAGER

JANICE BEAMAN, OFFICE MANAGER

OTHER ATTENDEES

**CHRIS ROBBINS, SOIL CONSERVATIONIST, NATURAL RESOURCE
CONSERVATION SERVICES (NRCS)**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the July 12, 2017, Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Bei, Beukelman, Gill, Viguie

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 Bei, to approve the agenda. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Bei, Beukelman, Gill, 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 June 14, 2017.**
- b. **Approval of Prior Year Expenses from June 15, 2017, to June 30, 2017, and review of the 2016 / 2017 Budget Update.**
- c. **Approval of Expenses from July 1, 2017, to July 12, 2017, and review of 2017 / 2018 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey reviewed the projected fund balance and the prior and new year expenses.

A motion was made by Director Gill, seconded by Director Bei, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed as follows

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

6. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report

Mr. Robbins announced that NRCS is fully staff and discussed the background of each new staff member. He noted there are 13 EQIP projects, the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) model will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 8th, and the model will also be at the California Resource Conservation District (CARCD) Conference. He also noted they will be finalizing the Erosion Control Plan in July.

This item was filed.

7. Presentations – None

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

- a. **Approval of Expenses from June 15, 2017, to June 30, 2017, and review of the 2016 /2017 Budget Update.**
- b. **Activities Reports - None**

Mr. Currey discussed the reimbursement of staff time, staff time being less this year, the typical costs for carryover and that there will not be such a large carryover next year. He noted the Irrigated Lands budget will be discussed in September.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Gill, to approve the Irrigated Lands expenses. The motion passed as follows

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

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business

a. Cover Crop for Improved Water Management – Receive staff report and provide input on the cover crop project.

Mr. Currey thought the idea of cover crops for improved water management was well received from potential project partners. He discussed determining what data is needed and they may possibly use the ground water suitability map prepared by UC Davis and the State. Mr. Currey noted that new sites will have to be located, hoped growers on the Board could help identify possible sites, and noted his time will be paid for through the Department of Conservation grant. Mr. Currey responded to Board questions.

This item was filed.

b. Prevailing Wage Update – Receive staff report and provide direction for future maintenance contracts.

Mr. Currey discussed law changes that created a small project exemption from prevailing wage rules and how it might apply to the District's current practices. He will be reviewing the new rules and return to the Board with more information.

This item was filed.

11. DRCD District Manager's Report

Mr. Currey reported about the following:

- He noted that the third ditch invoice was sent and there are 10 outstanding invoices totaling about \$3,600;
- Ditches are being sprayed now;
- He noted he wants to do more with ditch maintenance and will be working on it;
- He discussed two projects in the Ag Industrial Service Area that the District was not notified about. He noted the landowner told the County it was a minor project and no drainage plan was necessary.
- He discussed the City of Dixon General Plan conceptual drawing of proposed boundaries for their Sphere of Influence (SOI) that would go out to the Veterans Cemetery. He noted the City's staff informally presented the Council's SOI to the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo). LAFCo felt the City could identify the land as "an Area of Concern" instead of a SOI. The Area of Concern (AOC) can serve as a place holder while

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not requiring an environmental review. The AOC can be used to indicate to other agencies the City's long term (beyond 20 years) future growth intentions.

- Mr. Currey distributed Board training information in November and encouraged Board members to attend.
- He noted he will be evaluating health insurance coverage for the District as Western Health Advantage has had to change the available providers.
- Mr. Currey discussed the reduction of leave balances and hoped it will be about \$5,000 at the end of the calendar year. Director Viguie requested a report back in six months.

12. Director's Report - Brief reports given by Directors on meetings attended on behalf of the Dixon RCD.

13. Communications

14. Upcoming Events

15. Announcements

The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be August 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

16. Adjourn Meeting

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:15 p.m.



Janice Beaman, CMC
Office Manager
Dixon Resource Conservation District