

**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
AUGUST 13, 2014**

DIRECTORS

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

DIXON RCD STAFF

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

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Martinez called the August 13, 2014, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Directors Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie
Absent: President Holdener

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

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

4. Comments from the Public - None

5. Presentations - None

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6. **Matters Relating to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area:**
 - a. **Approval of Expenses - None**
 - b. **Activities Report – Monthly Summary of Staff’s Activities - None**

Mr. Currey reported that staff continues to meet with tenants and is working on the new Request for Proposal.

This item was filed.

7. **Matters relating to the DRCD/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition (Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program):**
 - a. **Approval of Expenses – None**
 - b. **Activities Reports – Monthly Summary of Staff’s Activities - None**

Mr. Currey reported staff intends to provide quarterly reports related to Irrigated Lands.

This item was filed.

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

9. **DRCD Consent Calendar:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated July 9, 2014.**
 - b. **Approval of Expenses from July 9, 2014 – August 13, 2014, and review the 2014 / 2015 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey reported that an invoice for Phil Washburn was added for payment.

Director Martinez requested a quarterly financial report to see the total fund balance.

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

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

10. **Old Business**

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

Mr. Currey reported that he met with Solano County staff and felt they are not interested in a comprehensive analysis of their policies. He noted that he met with the Joint Powers Authority and Reclamation District 2068 legal counsel and together with staff are preparing a white paper to identify issues in hopes to

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present to Solano County about the seriousness of the issue. The white paper will be brought to the Board for discussion.

Director Martinez noted that this project has created additional costs amongst the member agencies. Maine Prairie does not want to pay their 25% share, they do not have the money, and there is no support from the Maine Prairie Board, but the other member agencies support the actions. Currently, DRCD has already paid for the expenses.

Mr. Currey reviewed the expenses to date relating to the Button Project and hoped the white paper can be discussed with the Board of Supervisors to convince Solano County that they need to cooperate.

Mr. Martinez asked about the funding for the Wineman project.

Mr. Currey reviewed the costs, expenses, legal fees, and uncertain expenses for the Wineman project.

This item was filed.

11. New Business

- a. **Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area – Consider submitting the 180 day termination notice for the Master Lease Agreement between the Dixon RCD and Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFG Lease No.: L-11-01-R3 DGS Lease No.: L-2112), effective February 28, 2015.**

Mr. Currey reported that this is the time to provide the termination notice.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Beukelman, to submit the 180 day termination notice for the Master Lease Agreement with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The motion passed as follows:

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

- b. **Legal Services – Discussion and provide direction to Staff regarding possible options for selecting General Counsel or Special Counsel.**

Mr. Currey discussed the conflict of interest should the Button Project result in litigation with Solano County when the District has a contract with Solano County for legal counsel. He noted that with the two proposed law firms, a conflict waiver would still be necessary.

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Director Martinez recommended that if the District changes legal counsel, it would be all legal matters. He thought Downey Brand would use associates to review day-to-day matters.

Mr. Currey noted another option is to use Scott Shapiro, Downey Brand, for drainage issues and use another firm for day-to-day matters.

A motion was made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Viguie, to contract with Scott Shapiro for drainage issues and bring back a contract with Downey Brand as General Counsel for the District. The motion passed as follows:

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

Mr. Currey noted he will ask for a proposal from Downey Brand and move forward to have Scott Shapiro for drainage issues. He also stated that in September a Closed Session may be held to discuss the white paper.

c. Buck for Ducks – Consider Yolo Basin Foundation request for Sponsorship.

Mr. Currey noted that the Board has approved an annual support of \$1,200 in the past and this would be a separate contribution.

Director Martinez did not think the District should make a contribution for this.

Mr. Viguie felt no contribution with public money, but felt the annual support of \$1,200 is fine.

This item was filed.

12. DRCD Staff Reports

13. Director's Report

14. Communications - None

15. Upcoming Events

The next Dixon Regional Watershed Authority Board Meeting will be determined.

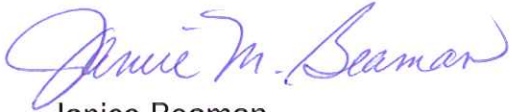
16. Announcements

The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be September 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

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17. **Adjournment**

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned to the hour of 7:20 p.m.



Janice Beaman
Office Manager, CMC
Dixon Resource Conservation District