

DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD) MINUTES FOR MAY 13, 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
JIM CAMPBELL, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

1. Call the Meeting to Order

President Holdener called the May 13, 2015, Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Martinez, Viguie, Holdener
Absent: Beukelman

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

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

5. **Presentations** – None

7. **THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report

Ms. Rash announced that Chris Robbins, new Soil Conservationist; and Cheryl Johnson, Farm Bill Assistant, have been hired by NRCS and discussed their background. She noted that about \$400,000 of EQIP funding has been obligated. She discussed the Irrigation Management Workshop that was held, that 13 of the smaller growers attended and that there will be a follow-up with them.

Ms. Rash reported that their new office space has started construction and the target move date is August 2015. She hoped there would be an opportunity to talk to the State Conservationist to discuss keeping the partnership of the RCD's together. She also discussed forming a Major Conservation Coalition and expressed concern that the budget may be reduced drastically. Ms. Rash responded to the Board's questions.

This item was filed.

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

a. **Approval of Expenses from April 9, 2015, to May 13, 2015, and review of the 2014 / 2015 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey discussed the funding agreement with NRCS that paid for preparation of the Nitrogen Workshops. He noted that about \$3,200 a quarter (approximately \$10,000 annually) will be available to spend.

A motion was made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Viguie, to approve the Irrigated Lands expenses. The motion passed as follows:

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

b. **Activities Reports – Monthly Summary of Staff's Activities - None**

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

This item was taken out of order. See Minutes above.

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8. DRCD Consent Calendar

- a. **Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated April 8, 2015.**
- b. **Approval of Amended Expenses from April 9, 2015, to May 13, 2015, and review of the 2014 / 2015 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey noted an amended Financial Report was distributed and the budget shows an accurate financial picture.

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

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

9. Old Business - NONE

10. New Business

- a. **Dixon RCD 2014/15 Budget – Receive year-end projections and consider Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year (FY)2014/2015.**

Mr. Currey requested approval of budget adjustments for the FY 2014-15 Budget and discussed the reasons for the additional revenue and expenses for the fiscal year. He also reviewed the third quarter projections.

A motion was made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Viguie, to approve the budget adjustments for FY 2014/15. The motion passed as follows:

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

- b. **Dixon/Solano Water Quality Coalition 2014/15 Budget – Receive year-end projections and consider Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2014/2015.**

Mr. Currey discussed the additional revenue of \$18,000 from membership enrollment that was not anticipated, the 9,500 acres that have not enrolled in an Irrigated Lands Program, and the summary of expenses. He discussed staffing costs, the original database being used for the last report and the Membership Coordinator working in the new database program. He noted about 150 people participated in the workshops and reported the Regional Board extended the due date for the reporting.

This item was filed.

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- c. **Approval of Expenses – approve budget adjustment and final distribution from the DRCD Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area account (Fund 424) accrued interest.**

Mr. Currey reported that interest was accrued in the account, noted this transaction should zero out the account, and discussed the budget adjustment.

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

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

12. DRCD Staff Reports

a. District Manager's Report

Mr. Currey discussed:

- Property damage of Tom Raycraft;
- Tamarisk removal at Tremont 1;
- The Public Records Act request that resulted in 4½ boxes. The requestor may review the documents or have them copied at \$3,200;
- A proposed Hedgerow on Lateral 4A;
- Almost 100% of Ditch fees received;
- Ms. Rash being disappointed that NRCS administration is not keeping the RCD's together and noted that both RCD's have agreed to stay at this location;
- Proposing a joint office management account to fund common office expenses, and will be working on space needs in the following weeks;
- Local planning for Groundwater Sustainability Agency will hold a first meeting on May 28th. Board Member Martinez requested groundwater reports.
- David Okita working for Governor Brown as head for the California ECO RESTORE program;
- Hopes that the condemnation cases would be consolidated, Summons being served and trying to locate two people;
- Solano County Water Agency applying for Integrated Regional Water Plan and will include the Dixon Main Drain / V-drain project;
- Reapplying for the Streambed Alteration Permit;
- The Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and Dixon Watershed Real Property Acquisition JPA budgets; and
- Staff schedules for the next few months.

b. District Engineer's Report - None

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13. Directors Report
None

14. Communications
None

15. Upcoming Events

16. Announcements
The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

17. Adjourn Meeting
The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:00 p.m.



Janice Beaman, CMC
Office Manager
Dixon Resource Conservation District