

MINUTES
DIXON REGIONAL WATERSHED
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA)
FEBRUARY 28, 2024

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority was called to order by Chairman Bird at 6:00 p.m. at the Dixon Resource Conservation District Office Conference Room, 1170 N. Lincoln Street, Dixon, California, on February 28, 2024.

Present: Jim Ernest, City of Dixon - Voting
 Steve Bird (Mayor), City of Dixon - Voting
 Spencer Bei, Dixon Resource Conservation District – Voting
 Daniel Jones Alt., Dixon Resource Conservation District - Voting
 Gene Robben, Maine Prairie Water District – Voting
 Mort Triplett, Maine Prairie Water District - Voting
 Kevin Simonis, Reclamation District 2068 – Voting
 Pat Negroni, At-Large Member – Voting

Member Agencies Staff: Kelly Huff, Dixon Resource Conservation District
 Joanna Yac, Dixon Resource Conservation District
 Jim Lindley, City of Dixon Manager
 Meda Benefield, Maine Prairie Water District
 Justin Noutary, Reclamation District 2068

Guests: Doug Moore, West Yost Associates
 Mark Cooley, City of Dixon Planning Commission
 Misty Kaltreider, Solano County Resource Management (Virtual)
 Alex Rabidoux, Solano County Water Agency
 Gustavo Cruz, Solano County Water Agency (Virtual)
 Dominic Dutra, Developer (Virtual)

2. Public Comments – None

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Director Ernest, seconded by Director Robben, to approve the agenda with the updates. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Ernest, Bird, Bei, Jones, Robben, Triplett, Simonis, Negroni
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Schene, Crossley

4. Consent Calendar (ACTION)

- a. Oath of Office – New JPA Members (Daniel Jones, Alternate from Dixon RCD and Mort Triplett from Maine Prairie Water District)
- b. Approve JPA Board Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2023
- c. Approve JPA Financial Committee minutes for July 13, 2023
- d. Fund 062, Department 9620, General and Administration – Review budget and approve claims **October 26, 2023 through February 28, 2024.**
- e. Fund 063, Division 9631, Lateral 1 Operation and Maintenance – Review budget and approve claims **October 26, 2023 through February 28, 2024.**
- f. Fund 064, Division 9641, Project Development – Review budget and **No claims October 26, 2023 through February 28, 2024.**

A motion was made by Director Ernest, seconded by Director Simonis, to approve the consent calendar (4a-4f). The motion passed as follows:

Ayes:	Ernest, Bird, Bei, Jones, Robben, Triplett, Simonis, Negroni
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Schene, Crossley

5. Presentations - Alex Rabidoux, Solano County Water Agency

Mr. Rabidoux explained that SCWA has been here to help navigate policy and facilitate since 2018. Now that Phase III is here the goals of the study are to identify the baseline & build out conditions with the NEQ Drainage Facilities. Some concerns that were brought up include that in Tasks 1-3 the baseline numbers changed significantly from the past technical work. In addition, the Tech Memo is a bit confusing. Although all of the agencies have put in tremendous effort there is just not a clear understanding on the information on the changes being proposed from pre to post development.

Mr. Rabidoux gave a summary of some of the key points in the JPA agreement to explain the concerns at stake: In the agreement, the JPA members agreed to support economic development and not to preclude individual drainage improvement projects by individual entities as long as they would not unreasonably interfere with operation of JPA projects. The City is entitled to drain into the DRCD drainage system the present natural runoff from the NEQ, without concentration or acceleration, and lastly the baseline storm flows shall be set at 37.2-cfs for a 100-year storm.

Mr. Rabidoux recommended that the JPA members work to ensure that all of the agencies having the same technical understanding and/or perform a stepwise study from West Yost which would cost \$30K. Mr. Rabidoux also asked about the direction for SCWA; should they continue to facilitate or not and what would a JPA version 2.0 look like? The directors were in agreement that the assistance from SCWA continues to be helpful.

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business

a. Election of JPA Officers – Chair and Vice President (ACTION)

Note: Financial Committee Election was included in this agenda item.

Current Chairman Bird asked the Joint Powers Authority if anyone would like to be Chairman or Vice President (currently, Director Bei). There were no volunteers and the Directors opted to remain with the current elected officials for reelection. Both Chairman Steve Bird and Vice President Spencer Bei were okay with that.

Ms. Huff mentioned that the current Finance Committee members are Chairman Bird, Director Beukelman and Director Crossley. Due to the resignation of one director and the availability of the other she recommended other members be appointed. Director Ernest and Director Bei both said they would be part of the financial committee.

For both the election of officers and appointment of financial committee members the directors were in agreement.

Ms. Huff also mentioned that the Secretary (Ms. Huff) and Treasurer (Solano County Auditor/Controller) can be changed as well. The JPA did not want to make any changes at this time.

A motion was made by Director Robben, seconded by Director Negroni, to approve the elected officers for Chairman (Steve Bird) and Vice President (Spencer Bei) and the Finance Committee Members (Steve Bird, Spencer Bei and Jim Ernest). The motion passed as follows:

Ayes:	Ernest, Bird, Bei, Jones, Robben, Triplett, Simonis, Negroni
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Schene, Crossley

b. Receive Update(s) on Phase III Dixon Watershed Management Plan Update and Provide Member Agency Feedback and Questions. (ACTION)

Note: No Action was taken.

Ms. Huff explained that a Draft Tech Memo for Tasks 1-3 was distributed to all the member agencies in November. SCWA consolidated the stakeholder comments on the Tech Memo and created a Memo with options to consider for Task 4.

In continuation from Mr. Rabidoux's presentation, Director Ernest mentioned that he looked at the place near the Railroad where the flow in question was

set at. City Manager Jim Lindley mentioned that the increase in modeled flows is better, because it requires larger detention facilities, which the developers have been saying as well.

A question was asked about what is going to happen at Campbell's Soup property, to which Doug Moore from West Yost responded that there is more work to be done to figure out how to eliminate the impacts at the railroad and at Campbell's. Director Triplett stated that the JPA has an agreement regarding flow rates and the City is trying to increase it. Chairman Bird stated that the agreement should be seen as a living document so it can be adapted to change. Mr. Moore went on to say that the model results show that there is only a 2-cfs increase in flow. Mr. Rabidoux mentioned that West Yost needs to be able to explain and show in detail that the City is not making anything worse and how.

Ms. Huff stated that this can be done if all the agencies come together and communicate to get a better understanding of things. No action was taken instead Mr. Moore mentioned that he can do a rework of the task 1-3 information. This information should be done in time for all the member agencies to review before the next JPA Meeting in April.

8. Secretary's Report-

Ms. Huff asked if there are any topics that the JPA would like to discuss at future meetings and the timeline of when those topics should be discussed. There was no further input.

9. Announcements

- a. Please remember to keep the 4th Wednesday of each available should a JPA Board Meeting be called.
- b. No March meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 23, 2024 (Solano GSA has a townhall meeting on Weds. April 24th).

10. Adjournment

The Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:55 p.m.

Attest:



Kelly Huff
Secretary



Steve Bird
Chairman