



**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)  
MINUTES FOR  
AUGUST 9, 2017**

**DIRECTORS**

**SPENCER BEI**

**SAM BEUKELMAN**

**ROBERT CHOPE GILL**

**DAVID VIGUIE**

**DIXON RCD STAFF**

**JOHN S. CURREY, DISTRICT MANAGER**

**JANICE BEAMAN, OFFICE MANAGER**

**BROOK ROSENBERGER, INCOMING OFFICE MANAGER**

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

**WENDY RASH, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST, NATURAL RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION SERVICES (NRCS)**

**CAROLYN JONES, NRCS ENGINEER**

**1. Call the Meeting to Order**

Director Viguie called the August 9, 2017, Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Bei, Gill, Viguie

Absent: Beukelman

**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 Bei, seconded by Director Gill, to approve the agenda. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Bei, Gill, Viguie

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Beukelman

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### 4. Comments from the Public – None

### 5. DRCD Consent Calendar

- a. **Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated July 12, 2017.**
- b. **Approval of Expenses from July 13, 2017, to August 9, 2017, and review of the 2017 / 2018 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey stated that the Dixon Tractor and Gravel invoice was received and was included for payment. He discussed the pipe installation at Lateral 5 and noted that ditch spraying was later than he wanted, but the cost is for the entire system.

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

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

### 6. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report

Ms. Rash reported that the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) Project was completed. The project was presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 8<sup>th</sup> and she felt it was well received. She hoped a Request for Proposal would be developed and a project would be ready for next fiscal year.

Ms. Rash noted that EQIP is finishing for this year. The next batch date will be January 20, 2018, and the important focus will be water conservation, air quality and soil health.

Ms. Rash discussed the upcoming press release from the State Department of Food and Agriculture (CFDA) announcing the California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN) is seeking proposals for healthy soil projects. She noted the application is 21 pages and each applicant must do their own plan, but NRCS is willing to help with the plans.

Ms. Rash reported that Federal and State funding will come through in late August for cover crops and hoped a technical team meeting will be scheduled in September.

Ms. Rash asked the Board what NRCS information would be helpful to them. Director Viguie replied knowing the last date that NRCS needs the application would be helpful to him.

This item was filed.

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### 7. Presentations – Biological and Agricultural Engineering, UC Davis – Senior Capstone Design Project.

Ms. Jones representing Bay Delta Team Engineers discussed the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering requirement to complete Capstone Design Projects. She discussed past projects and requested ideas for projects for 2 to 4 students.

Some ideas from the Board were:

1. Streamline and track chemical applications;
2. Chemicals on labels be printed in Spanish;
3. Instrument needed to monitor sediment at entry into system;
4. Low cost way to tag bales of hay and be able to track; possibly using GPS;
5. Chemicals spray drifting; use of drone;
6. Bar code usage for chemical applications, and
7. Identify chemicals and printing labels with chemical mix in English & Spanish.

This item was filed.

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

- a. **Approval of Expenses – None**
- b. **Activities Reports - None**

### 9. Old Business – None

### 10. New Business

- a. **Senior Capstone Design Project – Consider possible project and provide direction to staff regarding participation.**

See Minutes under Item 7 above.

- b. **Regional Drainage Update – Receive staff report and provide direction to staff regarding the Dixon Regional Watershed JPA and the County Ag Industrial Service Area (AISA).**

Mr. Currey discussed the two projects in the Agricultural Industrial Service Area that received administrative approval from Solano County, who did not follow their own policy. He reemphasized the District's area of interest and will revisit with the County on a regular basis. He stated that the City of Dixon, Doug Moore, and he met with Solano County and Mr. Currey expressed his disappointment with County staff because they are not engaged in the process. He noted Solano County felt no obligation to Dixon RCD or Reclamation 2068 relating to drainage.

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Director Bei discussed the fees he is paying for a project and none of money comes back to the District. He felt there needs to be a standard established for Solano County.

Mr. Currey felt the Board does not want to force Solano County to follow drainage policies, that the City of Dixon and Solano County's deficiencies are not being addressed, and discussed the need to gauge time and funding in the AISA and that Solano County thinks that they are meeting their standards.

Mr. Currey thought that if Solano County does not participate in a regional drainage project, the next step generally would be to push the elected officials or file in court. No one has the funds or the will to do that. From the Dixon RCD perspective, if Solano County would fully meet their own policy, the District would receive notice on projects and the City of Dixon could implement drainage plans with a Memorandum of Understanding. The Board of Supervisors and their staff are fully aware of the issues, but no action is being taken by either of them and they are not compelled to. He asked what the Dixon RCD stance should be and what information is necessary to make future planning efforts.

Director Viguie suggested perhaps the Dixon RCD and the City of Dixon adopt a traffic and drainage plan. He felt if we could prove there is an impact from Solano County, then the action would be different.

This item was filed.

### **c. Cover Crops and Water Management in the Solano Sub-basin – Receive staff report and provide direction.**

Mr. Currey reported that there will be a meeting in August with interested partners. He asked if any Board members are putting a cover crop in this year and if so, what their timeline would be. He hoped the technical staff will be meeting in September to develop a timeline. He discussed comparing cover crops and natural growth and identifying the differences. The Sustainable Growth Management Act (SGMA) will also need to know what crops are there.

Director Viguie noted there will be walnuts and almonds near his house.

Director Gill noted it would be a problem if prunings dropped on the cover crops.

Director Bei would like studies done on permanent pastures.

Mr. Currey noted that data will be collected for a couple of years and asked the Board to think about what they would like to know.

This item was filed.

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- d. **Solano County Conservation Partnership – Receive staff report and provide direction to staff regarding staff and Board participation with Solano RCD and neighboring RCDs to explore efficiencies and opportunities to deliver conservation services through the CARCD’s Durable Collaboration Project.**

Mr. Currey discussed a Durable Collaboration Program through the California Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD). This could help Dixon RCD and neighboring RCD’s with funding to help landowners’ conservation efforts where Dixon RCD is unable to provide services outside of the District. Solano RCD and Dixon RCD submitted an application and hoped the Board would agree if awarded.

This item was filed.

**11. DRCD District Manager’s Report**

Mr. Currey reported about the following:

- Sac Valley Water Quality Coalition Management Committee roles and responsibilities are being reviewed
- State Board is considering options to increase the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Fee
- The proposed fee increase does stimulate discussion on regarding different options to distribute the State Board Fees.

- 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 September 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.**

**16. Adjourn Meeting**

**The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:50 p.m.**



**Janice Beaman, CMC  
Office Manager  
Dixon Resource Conservation District**