

**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)  
MINUTES FOR  
DECEMBER 9, 2015**

**DIRECTORS**

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

**DIXON RCD STAFF**

**JOHN S. CURREY, DISTRICT MANAGER  
KELLY HUFF, PROJECT MANAGER  
JANICE BEAMAN, OFFICE MANAGER**

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

**WENDY RASH, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST, NATURAL RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION SERVICES (NRCS)  
JIM CAMPBELL, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
LEO SOUKERIS, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

**1. Call the Meeting to Order**

President Holdener called the December 9, 2015, Regular Board meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Beukelman, Martinez, Viguie, Holdener  
Absent: None

**2. Establish a Quorum**

A quorum was established.

**3. Approve the Agenda**

Mr. Currey noted an amended agenda was distributed.

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

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

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

5. **Presentations – None**

7. **TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

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

Ms. Rash discussed a possible agreement for Engineering Services and either renewing or extending the current agreement, at a maximum cost of \$75,000 per year.

Mr. Currey noted he is working on a partnership agreement that would return to the Board for a decision. He noted a small grant through the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) will be applied for to do outreach for all three partnerships.

Ms. Rash also discussed the information being mailed regarding Irrigated Land Program, that there are five Engineering vacancies that NRCS is advertising for.

This item was filed.

10a. **TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

**USDA and District Agreement – Review and provide staff authorization to amend the current Cooperative Agreement (#68-9104-4-227) for Engineering Services.**

Mr. Currey noted he would like to extend the Cooperative Agreement with NRCS through to December 31, 2016, for two employees, Liz Colby and Sally Negroni, not to exceed \$75,000. He discussed what engineering services would be provided, that the positions would be temporary and at-will, and the agreement would be flexible. Also, NRCS would not be able to recruit for the Engineering positions until after January and the hiring process would take at least three months.

Director Martinez supported the agreement for this year, but expressed concern with Workers Compensation and liability of the District. He asked if an option could be that Solano RCD could manage the two employees.

A motion was made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Viguie, to approve a 12 month extension to the existing agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. The motion passed as follows:

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

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

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

Ms. Huff reported that about 85 percent of the Irrigated Lands invoices have been paid and approximately 7,000 acres are still not enrolled. She discussed the Notices of Violation being sent by the Regional Board, distribution of the Farm Level Reporting, and her hope that the Regional Board will extend the due date for high vulnerability areas. She also discussed the upcoming crop advisors training for self-certification, Nitrogen Plan Workshops, and the all members' meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Huff discussed the sediment and erosion plan template approval and trying to get more information regarding erosion.

Mr. Currey discussed the erosion control plan and sediment erosion, the State's response to the East San Joaquin order, what type of outreach and education in the future, and asked the Board to review the attachments to the report.

Director Martinez suggested some guidelines be prepared for high vulnerability areas.

Mr. Currey discussed a possible option to conduct nitrogen testing in geographical areas at a cost of about \$20 each. .

Director Martinez felt that option could maybe be done later.

This item was filed.

**9. DRCD Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Special Board Meeting dated November 12, 2015.**
- b. Approval of Expenses from November 13, 2015, to December 9, 2015, and review of the 2015 / 2016 Budget Update.**

Mr. Currey noted the expenses include two old invoices from Reclamation District (RD) 2068 that were overlooked in being paid.

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

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

9. **Old Business** – None

10. **New Business**

a. **TAKEN OUT OF ORDER;** See Minutes on Page 2

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b. **Ditch Maintenance – Review of Ditch Spraying Options for 2016.**

Mr. Currey noted he discussed options and estimates with Washburn and Blackenship and Associates. He discussed applying Payload versus Diruex, the costs, and Washburn's recommendation of applying 8 ounces per acre with spraying Payload.

Director Martinez thought ideally would be winter roundup application with residual and spring roundup application.

Mr. Currey noted for 2016 planning purposes, suggested early application in spring, touch up, treatment in summer with proposed full Washburn application. For beyond 2016, he suggested winter application and early spring application for the next four years.

This item was filed.

c. **Aquatic Weed Issues – Review and Discuss past and current maintenance issues in Tremont 3 and the RD 2068 unpaid invoice from March 13, 2014.**

Mr. Currey discussed the invoice from RD 2068 for about \$7,600 for labor when removing aquatic weeds and the Board decided to not pay the bill. Since then RD 2068 has built a trash screen and has eliminated cleaning. He noted that Mr. Hardesty and he have not come to an agreement with the trash screen invoice. If they don't come to an agreement, Mr. Hardesty would have to go to his Board and would have open up the agreement for discussion. Mr. Currey noted they installed the screen for their benefit; they continue to clean it and should pay the cost. Mr. Currey suggested the Board approve paying the invoice, authorize RD 2068 to use the trash screen, and they would be responsible for all associated with it.

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A motion was made by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Beukelman, to authorize payment of invoice and for Mr. Currey to negotiate the Board's conditions. The motion passed as follows:

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

### **11. DRCD Staff Reports**

#### **a. District Manager's Report:**

Mr. Currey reported:

- That he is trying to find the right balance for ditch cleaning;
- He will meet with Mike Kett and Bruce Lillis regarding debris removal;
- About the process to increase ditch fee, including a rate study;
- About looking at all options relating to paying prevailing wage to contractors;
- He will be updating the long-range plan, including review of potential liability. He will outreach to the Board to update the objectives.
- About the Bay Delta Plan; the mandate of habitat restoration, future water projects and the tunnels;
- The Real Property Acquisition Joint Powers Authority (A-JPA) is winding down relating to the Main Drain / V-Drain Project and provided an update of the condemnation proceedings.

#### **b. District Engineer's Report – None**

### **12. Directors Report - None**

### **13. Communications - None**

### **14. Upcoming Events - None**

### **15. Announcements**

The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 12:00 noon.

### **16. Adjourn Meeting**

The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 2:20 p.m.



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