



**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
MAY 10, 2017**

DIRECTORS

SPENCER BEI

SAM BEUKELMAN

ROBERT CHOPE GILL

DAVID VIGUIE

DIXON RCD STAFF

JOHN S. CURREY, DISTRICT MANAGER

JANICE BEAMAN, OFFICE MANAGER

OTHER ATTENDEES

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

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the May 10, 2017, Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Bei, Beukelman, Gill, Viguie

Absent: None

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

Ayes: Bei, Beukelman, Gill, Viguie

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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4. **Comments from the Public – None**
5. **DRCD Consent Calendar**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated April 12, 2017.**
 - b. **Approval of Expenses from April 13, 2017, to May 10, 2017, and review of the 2016 / 2017 Budget Update.**

There was no discussion on these items.

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

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

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

Ms. Rash noted the EQIP deadline is at the end of May, it may be the last opportunity this year, and she was unsure about the program for next year.

Ms. Rash discussed the most recent Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) meeting and announced they will be releasing the model to show how it will be used. She thought the model may be before the Board in June 2017.

Ms. Rash announced there is new leadership in the United States Secretary of Agriculture Department office so changes are expected and NRCS will be getting a student intern.

This item was filed.

7. **Presentations – None**
8. **DRCD/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition (Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program)**
 - a. **Approval of Expenses – Expenses from April 13, 2017, to May 10, 2017, and review of the 2016 / 2017 Budget Update.**
 - b. **Activities Reports - None**

Mr. Currey explained the expenses for the Water Quality Coalition Program relating to the NRCS grant, Solano RCD reimbursement, the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition costs and out-of-pocket costs.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Gill, to approve the Water Quality Coalition expenses. The motion passed as follows:

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

9. Old Business

- a. Sustainable Ground Water Management Act – Receive staff report on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation process and consider adopting Resolution 2017-002 approving Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement establishing the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).**

Mr. Currey noted that at the last meeting, all staff was in favor with the last agreement, except for Vacaville and Solano Irrigation District (SID). He thought in order to be the voice for landowners in the District, the agreement would need to be approved. Mr. Currey and Director Bei responded to Board questions.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Beukelman, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-002 approving the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement establishing the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The motion passed as follows:

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

10. New Business

- a. 2016-17 Budget Year-End Projections – Receive staff report for the Year-End Projection for Fiscal Year 2016-17.**

Mr. Currey discussed his budget projections through the end of the fiscal year, including the leave balance that was paid out to him. He further discussed earmarked funds for capital assets, financial uncertainty, undesignated operating reserve, and responded to Board questions.

This item was filed.

- b. Personnel Committee’s Recommendations – Review and Consider approving the Personnel Committee’s recommended Wage Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2018 and the Merit & Cost of Living Wage Adjustments Formula for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020.**

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Mr. Currey noted the Board was provided information and staff reports from the Personnel Committee and that he will be meeting with the Budget Committee by the next Board meeting. He also noted the personnel figures were necessary to complete the preliminary budget.

Director Viguie reported the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an average of Sacramento and the Bay Area and this action is also capped at three years.

Mr. Currey noted that if the health care costs change, the Board may want to consider reviewing that. He discussed the past multi-year wage changes that only included a CPI adjustments in the 2nd and 3rd years that allowed a wage gap to grow. He discussed the current CPI, plus 2%, proposal that helps reduce the wage gap between Dixon RCD and other agencies and should reduce the sharp increases that have occurred every few years. He responded to questions from the Board.

Director Bei thought it was a good review and the employees are being taken care of.

A motion was made by Director Gill, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve the wage adjustments for Fiscal Year 2018 and the merit & cost of living wage adjustment formula for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020. The motion passed as follows

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

11. DRCD District Manager's Report

Mr. Currey reported about the following:

- Two Encroachment Permits that were requested and approved for: 1) Robben Road south of Midway Road; and 2) HD Dairy for burying a line in the District's easement for solar. He discussed charging for encroachment permits by landowner versus utilities that have been inconsistent. He plans to bring the matter to the board in July;
- The Department of Conservation (DOC) grant should arrive next week.
- Researching for Cover Crops;
- The material will be distributed to the Budget Committee to meet before the next Board Meeting.

12. Director's Report

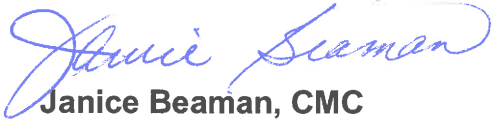
Brief reports given by Directors on meetings attended on behalf of the Dixon RCD.

13. Communications

14. Upcoming Events

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15. **Announcements**
The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be June 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.
16. **Adjourn Meeting**
The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:20 p.m.



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