

**DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DRCD)
MINUTES FOR
APRIL 11, 2018**

DIRECTORS

**DAVID VIGUIE, PRESIDENT
SPENCER BEI
SAM BEUKELMAN
ROBERT CHOPE GILL**

DIXON RCD STAFF

**JOHN S. CURREY, DISTRICT MANAGER
BROOK ROSENBERGER, OFFICE MANAGER**

OTHER ATTENDEES

**JIM CAMPBELL – ASSOCIATE MEMBER
KELLY HUFF – PROJECT MANAGER I.L.
WENDY RASH – NRCS**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Director Viguie called the April 11, 2018, Board meeting to order at 6:01 pm at 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA.

Present: Bei, Gill, Beukelman, Viguie

Absent:

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

Ayes: Bei, Gill, Beukelman, Viguie

Noes: None

Abstain: None

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Absent: None

4. Comments from the Public – None

5. DRCD Consent Calendar

- a. **Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting dated March 14, 2018.**
- b. **Approval of Expenses from March 15, 2018 to April 11, 2018, and review of the 2016 / 2017 Budget Update.**

There was no discussion on these items.

A motion was made by Director Beukelman, seconded by Director Bei, to approve the Consent Calendar as well as the amended Financial Report. The motion passed as follows:

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

6. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report

Mrs. Rash gave a few announcements

- ❖ Fund Pools are included in all irrigation projects
- ❖ Bay Area counties have 2 projects due mid to end of June
- ❖ Applications for the next Equip batch are due by the end of May
- ❖ ****NEW**** the DUNS # went away, no longer needed for entries.
- ❖ During the joint staff meeting with RCD's it was announced that Mrs. Rash is holding a photo contest. Email any farm/land pictures to Mrs. Rash (wendy.rash@ca.usda.gov). Winners picture will be hung in the NRCS and RCD offices.

7. Presentations – None

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

- a. **Approval of Expenses**
- b. **Activities Reports -- Quarterly Report for the Dixon and Solano RCDWQC and the Sac Valley Water Quality Coalition (SVWQC)**
 - ❖ Mrs. Huff reported that there were 13 people within the irrigated lands program that have late fees accumulating. The Board members asked Mrs. Huff to get them a list of the 13, so they could help expedited payment including the member that was revoked.

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- ❖ In March Mrs. Huff said they had 3 different site inspections. The 3 inspections were over 5 parcels, 1 specifically because they didn't turn in their farm evaluation. No violations resulted from the inspections.
- ❖ Mrs. Huff announced that ground water trend monitoring will start this fall. If the coalitions cannot get enough volunteers, they are going to have to seek additional participants. Five sites picked, 1 will be every year and 4 will be every 5 years. We may have to find an alternative well if that 1 doesn't work out.
- ❖ RFP's have been submitted to three companies who developed online database for coalitions.
- ❖ Mr. Gill inquired about the evaluations being simplified. Mrs. Huff reported that there are some changes coming. She said the farm evaluation is changing from every year to every 5 years, however Nitrogen reporting are going to be every year. It is projected that these changes could begin as early as next season for some surrounding coalitions, however it is still undetermined as to when our order will change.
- ❖ Mrs. Huff also announced that the state is looking to test all domestic wells for nitrates in the future.

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business

a. **Encroachment Permit – Receive Staff report on PG&E Hydro-test Project along Robben Road and the anticipated encroachment permit application**

Mr. Currey provided a map of the area that the Hydro-testing is scheduled to take place. Mr. Currey said the current plan is to temporarily place a culvert in the ditch until all the work is done. Once done, PG&E has agreed to restore the ditch to its original condition.

Mr. Currey also reminded the Board that it is their policy to charge \$250 per site for an encroachment permit.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Beukelman, to approve the encroachment permits for PG&E to perform Hydro-testing. The motion passed as follows:

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

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- b. **NRCS Priority Resource Concerns – Receive staff report on Sonoma RCDs letter requesting the 2018 Farm Bill and NRCS include groundwater quantity as a priority resource concern and consider supporting the effort by submitting a letter to Congressman Garamendi**

Mr. Currey discussed the pros and cons to submitting a letter of support to our congressman. Mr. Currey explained what it would mean to support the 2018 Farm Bill.

After a brief discussion the board agreed.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Gill, to have Mr. Currey draft a letter for review at the May Board meeting:

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

- c. **Health and Wealth Benefits and Staffing Report – Receive Personnel Committee’s report and consider approving their recommendations for health and benefit policy changes insurance allowance**

Mr. Currey talked about what the change in Health and Wealth Benefits would entail. He also discussed the Board the different options they could choose from.

A motion was made by Director Viguie, seconded by Director Bei, to accept the Personnel Committees’ recommendation to continue to provide health insurance to its employees through three options:

- 1) The District pays 100% of an employees’ health insurance cost for a traditional HMO.
- 2) The District pays 100% of an employees’ health insurance cost for a High Deductible Health Plan and 18% of the annual medical deductible will be contributed to the employee owned health saving account.
- 3) Employees who elect not to receive health insurance from the district will receive an in-lieu payment of \$345 per month.

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

11. DRCD Staff Reports

District Manager’s Report

Mr. Currey reported about the following:

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Ditch Maintenance:

Spraying: The only outstanding are is Lateral 1 and the Westside.

Ditch Cleaning: None planned until Fall.

Other Maintenance Issues:

- NRCS – completed survey's on Lateral 3 and 4A.
- Working with Director Gill on Tremont 3 on Sikes Road, Tremont 3 on Robben road and Lateral 3
- Tremont 1 near Mace – Mrs. Scharwz inquired about the District easement and what they are allowed to do

Ditch Fees:

Mr. Currey reported that as of April 11, 2018 we have deposited \$117,931.50 or 100.2% of the budget (\$117,668). 11 payments are still outstanding.

Other Items:

Healthy Soils:

Grant applications are being accepted until Friday April 13.

Mr. Currey announced that DRCD will be conducting a farm tour on May 4th for members of legislature and local officials to highlight the State Funded projects.

SID Board Vacancy:

The vacancy was filled be Mike Barrett.

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA):

A meeting is scheduled for April 12th. Forecast they will schedule a workshop in June to start the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development process.

Regional Drainage Projects (Dixon Regional Watershed JPA):

Mr. Currey stated that he has not received any additional information in regards to the HWY 113 culvert project.

California Association of Resource Conservation District (CARCD):

Mr. Currey talked about Range Camp program, then brought to the board that he had been approached by a high school student inquiring if DRCD offers any support.

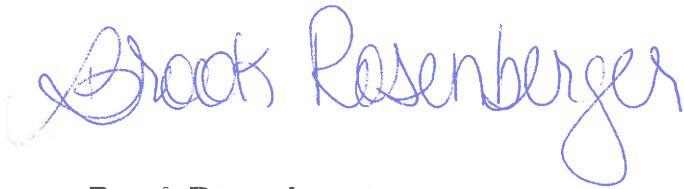
Per the board – they want to think about it, however requested that we add the request to the May board meeting to discuss it officially.

Office and John's Schedule:

Mr. Currey anticipates taking a few days off in April.

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12. Directors Report - None.
13. Communications - None
14. Upcoming Events - None
15. Announcements
The next Dixon RCD Business Meeting will be April 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.
16. Adjourn Meeting
The Dixon RCD Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:30 p.m.



Brook Rosenberger
Office Manager
Dixon Resource Conservation District