

**MINUTES**  
**DIXON REGIONAL WATERSHED**  
**JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA)**  
**JUNE 26, 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 June 26, 2024.

Present: Jim Ernest, City of Dixon - Voting  
 Steve Bird (Mayor), City of Dixon - Voting  
 Spencer Bei, Dixon Resource Conservation District – Voting  
 Eric Schene, Dixon Resource Conservation District - Voting  
 Gene Robben, 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  
 Chris Fong, City of Dixon  
 Meda Benefield, Maine Prairie Water District  
 Justin Noutary, Reclamation District 2068

Guests: Doug Moore, West Yost Associates  
 Mark Cooley, City of Dixon Planning Commission  
 Pejman Mehrfar, Solano County Engineering (Virtual)  
 Alex Rabidoux, Solano County Water Agency  
 Gustavo Cruz, Solano County Water Agency  
 Dominic Dutra, Developer (Virtual)  
 Thomas Maulhart, Campbells Soup (Virtual)  
 Paul Fuchslin, Solano Irrigation District  
 John Currey, Landowner  
 Greg Bardini, Morton & Pitalo, Inc.

**2. Public Comments – None**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**4. Consent Calendar (ACTION)**

- a. Approve JPA Board Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2024
- b. Fund 062, Department 9620, General and Administration – Review projected 2023-2024 year end budget
- c. Fund 063, Division 9631, Lateral 1 Operation and Maintenance – Review projected 2023-2024 year end budget
- d. Fund 064, Division 9641, Project Development – Review projected 2023-2024 year end budget

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

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

**5. Presentations – Greg Bardini, Upper Tremont 3 Landowner Concept for Drainage**

Mr. Bardini from Morton & Pitalo, Inc. presented an idea from the Gill Family since they were unable to attend the JPA Meeting. He mentioned since the City's watersheds D & C continue to have issues due to the residual water and overflow, an idea has been looked into that could help with a regional solution. They looked into the ability to redirect water through the McCune and Ulatis Systems and the ability to convey water safely using the Vaughn Canal to get water out of the system. The goal would be, with the correct infrastructure, to collect the water and meter it out to Ulatis when there is capacity. He wanted to mention there are no specifics yet, just a rough preliminary idea and wanted to be transparent about the project that they are looking into.

Director Bei asked when this idea would be more than conceptual and recommended talking to Solano Irrigation District (SID) and Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) about this since it is in their jurisdiction. Mr. Bardini replied by saying right now he has only done quick estimated numbers, but as the project is looked into further, they will inform the agencies to keep them updated.

**Note:** Director Simonis joined the meeting at 6:09 following this presentation.

**6. Old Business – None**

**7. New Business**

- a. Receive Report from SCWA on April 30, 2024 DRAFT Technical Memo Tasks 1-4 for Phase III Dixon Watershed Management Plan Update and Provide Member Agency Feedback and Questions. **(ACTION)**

Gustavo Cruz and Alex Rabidoux from SCWA gave a presentation/update on the drainage flow paths in the proposed system for the NEQ. It was mentioned that the model results are from a 100 year and 10 year storm event. The flow modeling for the 10 year event shows no new impacts from the proposed drainage facilities for the City development. SCWA staff commented that the City development is doing a good job with mitigation and detention for the onsite development impacts and the potential issues are with proposed changes to the pass through water. It was stated that Dixon RCD supports the City's growth and that the modeled flow numbers could be correct but there is continuing concern from the Dixon RCD specifically related to the pass-through water. There is not adequate explanation or inclusion of information on the impacts from changes to that water. Another hardship is that in the JPA agreement it states that water originating offsite cannot be channelized. Dixon RCD is also concerned that they are bound to agreements to others including RD 2068 and are responsible to protect their constituents from damages. It was brought up by Director Bei that perhaps a hold harmless agreement could be a good idea in which Jim Lindley, City Manager mentioned the drainage is not harming anybody and developers have been told that there has to be a drainage solution.

Ms. Huff mentioned that Dixon RCD is currently having MBK Engineers review the modeling work to help with questions related to the pass-through water that have not been answered. This led to a discussion of what the action item for this agenda is, which was to receive member agency feedback on Tasks 1-4. The item was for informational purposes and to give SCWA a sense on how to move forward. Jim Lindley mentioned the City is looking for finality and support from the JPA since the project is moving forward.

A motion was made by Director Bird, seconded by Director Ernest, to approve Tasks 1-4. The motion did not pass, with voting as follows:

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

Following this motion Jim Lindley asked what is needed for support. Director Bei again suggested a hold harmless agreement, which in response Chris Fong, City Engineer mentioned an independence clause in the JPA agreement regarding the City's need for approval, that Chairman Bird mentioned we can have legal counsel look into. Director Ernest mentioned if the pass-through water is the problem then the County needs to be a player in this project.

Pejman Mehrfar Solano County Engineer mentioned that perhaps he and SCWA staff could meet after to share their presentation to county staff for a better understanding of the situation. This led to the suggestion to bring back the approval of Task 1-4 at the following JPA meeting in August and in the meantime to continue to move forward and begin work on Tasks 5-7 related to the regional drainage solution.

The board gave direction, regarding Tasks 5-7, to eliminate the Putah Creek Diversion Channel Option and to look into 1. An Upper Watershed Detention Basin(s) Concept that would discharge to McCune/Ulatis, like the landowner concept presented earlier, and 2. A concept(s) to take water south to facilities in potential new development(s).

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Schene, to approve 1. For the JPA to come back and discuss Tasks 1-4 in August and 2. Begin work on Tasks 5-7. The motion passed as follows:

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

- b. Director-at-large Position – Discuss recruitment for new director at large representative, to begin after November 2024. **(ACTION)**

**Note:** No Action was taken.

Ms. Huff mentioned that our current Director-at-large, Pat Negroni who will have served 16 years this November, has expressed that he would like for the JPA to find a new director-at-large. She further explained that the JPA agreement states that the ninth director (the “Director At-Large”) shall reside within the boundaries of one of the Parties, or shall own property within the boundaries of one of the Parties, but shall not be a member or former member of any Party’s governing board. The Director At-Large shall be selected by a Supermajority vote of the remaining eight (8) directors and shall serve a term of four (4) years. In order to be selected as the At-Large Director, a person must receive an affirmative vote from at least one (1) of the directors appointed by each of the Parties.

Ms. Huff then asked for the JPA board to consider individuals who might be able to serve. Director-at-large Pat Negroni suggested that John Currey would be a good option. Mr. Currey responded he was not necessarily interested at this moment, but wasn’t opposed. He did want to mention that he is a former Dixon RCD District Manager and JPA Secretary so if there is no conflict of interest and if the member agencies are okay with it, he could possibly consider it in the future.

This item was continued to a future meeting.

**c. Review Lateral 1 Planned Maintenance Activities for 2024-2025 - ACTION by Supermajority**

Ms. Huff explained the current plan is to clean the remaining 3.0 miles of Lateral 1 south to Ulatis and level the spoils in the fall of 2024. In addition to routine herbicide applications and debris removal. With this the estimated expenses for Lateral 1 are \$40,040 in 2024-2025 which the JPA board was okay with since it is needed.

A motion was made by Director Bei, seconded by Director Simonis, to approve the Lateral 1 Planned Maintenance Activities for 2024-2025. The motion passed as follows:

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

**d. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Approvals – Receive Staff Report on Proposed Budgets and Consider Approval – ACTION by Supermajority**  
i. Fund 062, Department 9620, General & Administration  
ii. Fund 063, Division 9631, Operation & Maintenance – Lateral 1  
iii. Fund 064, Division 9641, Project Development

Ms. Huff explained that the attached budgets estimate having 3 JPA meetings and conducting the cleaning of the remaining southern portions of Lateral 1. It was brought up if any significant changes happen, budget adjustments would be considered at a later meeting. The JPA was fine to approve the budgets for all three funds as presented and had no further discussion.

A motion was made by Director Negroni, seconded by Director Ernest, to approve all the budgets presented for Fund 062,063, and 064. The motion passed as follows:

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

**8. Secretary's Report- None**

**9. Announcements**

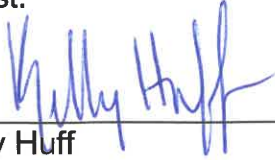
- a. Please remember to keep the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each available should a JPA Board Meeting be called.**

- b. The JPA Financial Committee will meet in early July to finalize 2023-2024 Year End. The Next JPA Board Meeting date will be determined.


**10. Adjournment**

The Dixon Regional Watershed Joint Powers Authority Board meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:42 p.m.

Attest:



Kelly Huff  
Secretary



Steve Bird  
Chairman