

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: June 8, 2015 Meeting, 10 am - noon

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

<input type="checkbox"/> o	Leroy Plagerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	Roger Blok	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	Jon Maberry
<input type="checkbox"/> o	Rich Appel	<input type="checkbox"/> t	Mike Boxx		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	Henry Bierlink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	Fred Likkel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	Eric Sundstrom
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stoyka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	Andy Ross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	Walker Sundstrom
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Dumas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joanne Greenberg	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kasey Cykler
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Bucknell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chuck Antholt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Brown

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of May 12 Minutes
- B. Financial Report

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Balance Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
Grant #2	\$0.00			\$0.00
Fund Balance @ 6/1/2015		\$19,531.81		
Accounts Payable		\$5,286.81		
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$14,245.00
Outstanding bills:				\$2,280.00
Whatcom Farm Friends	<i>May</i>		\$520.00	
N3	<i>April Water Quality testing</i>			
Whatcom Farm Friends	<i>Ag Water Board admin</i>			
N3	<i>Ag Water Board water quality</i>		\$1,760.00	
Clarke Law	<i>Ag Water Board legal</i>			
End of Month Balance				\$11,965.00

Jon asked for a monthly report indicating the Laurel budget and expenditures to date so that the board had better context for evaluating finances.

Jon moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Administrative

B. Ag Water District

- Legal - June 3rd group WID mtg.
 - Lummi proposed water negotiations was briefly reviewed. Mike reported he felt more encouraged than discouraged after the discussion at Lummi.
 - Prepare for a fall strategy session where Bill will give more information on what our legal status on numerous issues may be.
 - Farmers are split about the likelihood of success of negotiations but unanimous in agreement that we should be part of it.
 - The board expressed the desirability of having measurable goals to judge our progress rather than amorphous ones which can never be satisfactorily realized.
- Media relations

- Agincourt contract scope was reviewed. A more proactive and preemptive strategy for countering false reports about ag is being developed.
- The additional contract requires a \$33k increase in AWB budget which results in an increase for the Laurel WID. Jon moved approval of the budget increase, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

III. New Business

A. Ditch and Dike Maintenance

It was noted that the County was considering dropping herbicide sprays from their road and ditch maintenance program. Henry will draft a note to the Council encouraging them to make science based decisions.

B. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results – nothing new
- Ten Mile Group – not ready to make further recommendations yet.
- Fred reported on a meeting with the Governor’s representative and the State Shellfish Director.

C. Water Quantity

- Planning Unit debate on unpermitted uses put the idea to bed for awhile. There is no willingness to disrupt one sector of the economy until it is clear that enforcing on unpermitted well users would actually help stream flows.

D. Education

- Website www.laurelwid.com
- Bertrand Education efforts – June 24th Workshop, updates to the State of the Watershed reports

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

July 13 *if needed*

August 10 *if needed*

September 14

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Whatcom Farm Friends

Approved by _____