

Laurel Watershed Improvement District
Minutes for: November 11, 2019 Meeting, 10 am - noon
Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

<u> </u> x <u> </u> Leroy Plagerman	<u> </u> o <u> </u> Roger Blok	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Jon Maberry
<u> </u> x <u> </u> Rich Appel	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Mike Boxx	
<u> </u> x <u> </u> Henry Bierlink	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Fred Likkel	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Bob McWhoter
<u> </u> x <u> </u> Alan Chapman	<u> </u> Eric Sundstrom	<u> </u> Kasey Cykler
<i>x = present</i>	<i>o = absent with notice</i>	<i>t = teleconference</i>

Board of Equalization Hearing

Public has opportunity to contest Assessments. WID board must determine if petitioners provide clear evidence they would not receive value from WID actions equal to the Assessment amount. WID Board could vote to eliminate or reduce the assessment on individual parcels. Once completed the Regular Board Meeting commences.

Mike opened the Board of Equalization Hearing. No comments or protests were noted. Jon moved to close the hearing at 10:19, Rich seconded, motion carried unanimously.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 14 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*

Ag Water Board	Oct - Dec	\$8,532.33
Enduris	Insurance	\$2,440.00
N3	wq monitoring	
TOTAL - Month		\$10,972.33

Rich moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Jon seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Roger and Leroy are the only nominees. Congratulations!

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Drainage Based Management pilot – Bertrand, South Fork and Drayton – meetings of technical committee begin this month, Tribes are both at the table in each pilot. The schedule has been drafted to complete these pilots by July. Future drainages will be considered based on the success of the pilots. The Water Supply committee of the AWB will be closely connected with Fred and Henry in this process. WID Boards will be updated each meeting and will solicited for feedback and advice.
- b. AWB Grant from Ecology - \$150k for 2 years – scope expected to be approved in November
 - Develop Project Lists – surface to ground and augmentation potential sites
 - Implement 2 conversions, 1 augmentation project

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Floodplains by Design – Reach 2 will be an initial focus area. Fred was optimistic about a contact within WDFW’s Estuary program who is reaching out to ag.
- b. Buffers – Fred was less enthusiastic about reports that the Tribes and Governor Inslee were preparing to mandate 170’ buffers on all streams. We don’t have details on this proposal but need to be alert if it is introduced in the 2020 Legislature.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – recent data is good but there were problems following the first flush in September.

- b. Ten Mile project report – Bob reported they were sampling every two weeks. They say some very high numbers in September as well but all sampling sites are back down in acceptable ranges now.
- c. Ecology non-point enforcement – Fred questioned if Ecology was making any real progress on tightening their enforcement procedures on non-dairy livestock.
- d. DNA project – Fred, Bob, and Alan were at a recent meeting where this was discussed. They had a sense there was progress but the idea remains in the research and development phase. Fred will get Kent to speak to a future WID meeting.
- e. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Data is not supporting a lifting of the fall closure of the shellfish beds in Portage Bay.
- f. Report on landowner contacts – Bob visited with a landowner who had questions. Mike offered to go with him to visit with the landowner.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.laurelwid.com
- b. AWB Newsletter – A draft report was reviewed and approved for the January newsletter.
- c. WFF – REAL campaign – Farmer Rally November 21, 5pm, Fairgrounds

VII. Other Items from Commissioners

- a. WCD Long Range Plan – Alan alerted the Board to discussions at the WCD about long-range funding of its programs. George has asked if the CD could have some time at the January or February WID meetings. WCD is considering asking for a Countywide property assessment to provide stability in funding its programs. They receive a small amount of support from the State. The large majority of its services are grant and contract funded. Options for funding include both a per parcel and an acreage assessment.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

December 9? – doubtful – only if needed
 January 13

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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