

Laurel Watershed Improvement District
Minutes for: January 13, 2020 Meeting, 10 am - noon
Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

<u> x </u> Leroy Plagerman	<u> x </u> Roger Blok	<u> x </u> Jon Maberry
<u> o </u> Rich Appel	<u> o </u> Mike Boxx	
<u> x </u> Henry Bierlink	<u> x </u> Fred Likkel	<u> x </u> Hank Kastner
<u> </u> David Haggith	<u> x </u> Meg Harris	<u> </u> Aneka Sweeney
<u> x </u> Alan Chapman	<u> </u> Eric Sundstrom	<u> </u> Kasey Cykler
<u> </u> Bob Seaman	<u> x </u> Bob McWhoter	<u> </u>

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of November 11 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*

Leroy moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Jon seconded, motion carried unanimously. Henry reminded the Board that we spent very little of the 2019 Project budget. We will be entering 2020 with nearly \$50k in reserve funds. Roger noted that Bob Kratzig had asked the WID to consider paying a beaver trapping bill. Jon moved to agree to pay the \$900 invoice, Leroy seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Officer election – Roger moved to reelect Mike as President and Rich as VP/Secretary, Leroy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. Oath of office – Roger and Leroy took the Oath at the start of a new 3-year term
- c. Public Records designee – required by RCW 42.56 – Jon moved to appoint Henry Bierlink as the Public Records designee, Leroy seconded, motion carried unanimously.

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Nooksack Rule – it was noted that a Public Hearing on the new rule was held January 8th at LMS. Bill drafted written testimony presented by AWB.
- b. Drainage Based Management pilot – Bertrand, South Fork and Drayton
 - First meeting 12/16 – data gathering primarily, some disappointment in the commitment of the Tribes to anything but the South Fork.
 - Summary and Next Steps due in mid-January
 - South Fork involvement – Fred noted that the interest of the Tribes in the South Fork could provide leverage for work in other portions of the basin. A meeting with the South Fork farmers is still being planned.
- c. AWB Grant from Ecology - \$150k for 2 years, contract to be signed by Friday. R & E will provide most of the work in cooperation with AESI.
 - Develop Project Lists – surface to ground and augmentation potential sites
 - Implement 2 conversions, 1 augmentation project

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. FLIP project tour – Feb. 3-4 – Cougar Creek tidegate is among the projects to be featured on the tour.
- b. Ditch maintenance – A challenge to be planning summer drainage projects by next meeting.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Meg distributed the December data. These numbers were good but followed some high numbers in September-November.

- b. Ten Mile group report – Bob noted that the December numbers were low but January numbers higher. Both samples were taken during high flow events.
- c. DNA project – Fred invited Kent from Exact to strategize with the WIDs to determine how this might be advanced. This will occur during the S Lynden WID mtg on Tuesday.
- d. Small farm discussion – Meg asked the Board about how to help achieve access to areas where water quality monitoring numbers indicate some concerns. The WCD is available to help with some quick and cheap quality analysis without getting landowners into the regulatory loop. Help from the “moral authority” (*Bob’s term based on the impressions he’s gathered in talking to landowners*) of the Board members who are somewhat known by most landowners could help with accessing areas for improved testing. The model of N Lynden was discussed but that is a very different constituency base.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.laurelwid.com – Henry noted the 2019 Action items needed to be updated. This will be on the February agenda.
- b. AWB Newsletter due out this month.
- c. WCD request to meet with WIDs in February – LWID board is open to the conversation.
- d. Special Purpose District proposed legislation – abuse of tax payer funds in a King County Drainage District is causing proposed legislation that would drastically change the structure of special purpose districts like the WIDs. Bill is monitoring. We will need to be involved in helping him make the case for defeating changes that diminish our effectiveness.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

February 10 – moved to February 17th to accommodate schedules
March 9

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____