

# Laurel Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: November 14, 2014 Meeting, 10 am - noon

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Leroy Plagerman       Roger Blok       Jon Maberry  
 Rich Appel       Mike Boxx

Henry Bierlink       Dale Buys       Chuck Lindsay  
 Gary Stoyka       Steve Jilk       Tom Buroker  
 Mary Dumas       Joanne Greenberg       Scott Bedlington  
 Jim Bucknell       Chuck Antholt       Randy Honcoop

x = present      o = absent with notice

- I.** Welcome, Introductions  
Randy, Scott and Henry introduced the schedule and agenda.
- II.** Oath of Office  
Steve Jones acted as a notary assisting in recording the oaths of office.
- III.** Election of Board Officers – President, Vice-President  
Mike will serve as the Chair for the first year. Rich agreed to take the vice chair position. Leroy moved to accept these positions, Jon seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- IV.** Secretary/Administrative Support  
Rich moved to contract with ADC for Secretary/Administrative services for four months, Leroy seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- V.** Signatory Authority  
Rich moved to approve all board members to sign for board approved contracts, Leroy seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- VI.** Commissioner Insurance policy  
Leroy moved to purchase a commissioner liability policy for \$10 million, Jon seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- VII.** Meeting Schedule
  - a. Regular Time – Rich moved to set 10 am on the 2nd Monday as the regular board meeting, Leroy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Joint WIDs meeting – December 17<sup>th</sup> – 10 -2 – Bill Clarke will lead a discussion of the responsibilities and powers of WID commissioners and the potential structure and duties of a Board of Joint Control.
- VIII.** Review Joint Board concept  
Scenarios where numerous WIDs could cooperate on tasks were discussed. The Board was inclined to support the general strategy outlined by the ADC but recognized that there were many unresolved details in setting up a Joint Board. Protocols for how to have Bill's services made available will need to be set up. The ADC board and WID commissioners will serve as a Steering Committee for working out the details in the first months of 2015.
- IX.** 2015 Assessment Rate and Budget  
Jon moved to accept Resolution 2014-1 setting the \$4.00 per acre assessment rate for 2015 with a budget of \$32,917, Rich seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**X.** 2015 Assessment Roll

Leroy moved to accept Resolution 2014-2 setting the 2015 Assessment Role, Rich seconded, motion carried unanimously. The following notice will appear in the legal ads of the Tribune for the next two weeks and the Board will serve as a Board of Equalization at the December board meeting.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** – *Drayton, Laurel, Sumas and South Lynden Watershed Improvement Districts*

*Landowners within the Drayton, Laurel, Sumas and South Lynden Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to inspect the 2015 Assessment Role and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in the Drayton will be heard at 3 pm Dec. 16, 2014, for Laurel at 10 am Dec. 8, 2014, for South Lynden at 3 pm Dec. 9, 2014, for Sumas at 1pm Dec.9, 2014 all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from November 14 to December 15.*

*Assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at:  
Drayton Watershed Improvement District  
Laurel Watershed Improvement District  
South Lynden Watershed Improvement District  
Sumas Watershed Improvement District  
1796 Front Street, Lynden*

**XI.** Other Business

- a. Drainage Districts – some discussion of the relationship between the WID and the Drainage Districts. Each remain independent governmental entities. The potential for cooperation and merger in the future was briefly discussed.
- b. Media relations – protocols for who and how we speak for the WID and the likely Joint Board was brought up.

**XII.** Adjournment/Next Meeting  
December 8, 10 am