

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 12, 2020 Meeting, 10 am

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: : 851 9637 3178 Passcode: 948453

<u> </u> t <u> </u> Leroy Plagerman	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Roger Blok	<u> </u> t <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> Hank Kastner
<u> </u> David Haggith	<u> </u> Meg Harris	<u> </u> Aneka Sweeney
<u> </u> Alan Chapman	<u> </u> Eric Sundstrom	<u> </u> Kasey Cykler
<u> </u> Bob Seaman	<u> </u> Bob McWhoter	

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

Mike called the meeting to order at 10 am.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of September 7 Minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
L1020	Ag Water Board	October - December AWB	\$8,382.84
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$8,382.84

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

II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Leroy moved to nominate Mike and Rich to another term, Roger seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- b. AWB Budget request – the requested increase in legal and media campaign surrounding adjudication was reviewed. The increase would reduce our project budget but reserves are adequate to fill that need should it arise.
- c. 2021 Workplan & Budget
 - Resolution 2020-1 – Setting the 2020 Assessment Rate and Budget
 - Resolution 2020-2 – Adopting the 2020 Assessment Roll
 Rich moved approval of Resolution 1 and 2 setting the assessment rate at \$6/acre, Jon seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - November 9th Board of Equalization

DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE – all Watershed Improvement Districts

Residents within the Bertrand, Drayton, Laurel, North Lynden, South Lynden, and Sumas Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to:

1) Nominate candidates for election to the Board of the District – two positions in Bertrand, two in Drayton, two in Laurel, one in North Lynden, two in South Lynden, and two in Sumas – candidates must file with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, not later than five o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in November.

2) Inspect the 2021 Assessment Roll and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in Laurel will be heard at 10am, November 9th; for Bertrand at 2pm, November 9th; for Sumas at 1pm, November 10th; for South Lynden at 3pm, November 10th; for North Lynden at 10am, November 17th; and for Drayton at 3pm, November 17th, all at the District's office or via Zoom. Contact the WID administrator for access to the meeting@ info@agwaterboard.com. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 12th to November 6th.

Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.

Public Notice will be published in Lynden Tribune October 14, 21, 28

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Ecology report recommends Nooksack
 - Adjudication supported only by Tribes, Fishers, Realtors, and environmental
 - Building partnerships locally and in Olympia
 - Plan for Legislative education by Family Farmers.
- b. County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Seeking support from water users
 - Would add a new element to the Watershed Management Board’s work plan – “Settlement Negotiations”. This will be advanced in lieu of adjudication.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Drainage concerns – Kratzig corner still has issues but will have to wait until next year to evaluate.
- b. Beaver trapping – Pete Smit is responsive to calls. At \$200/beaver our \$2500 budget should cover at least 10 beaver.
- c. Flood Committee update – The Appel floodgate is in the plans but Rich wasn’t too concerned about delaying it a few years in light of the adjudication challenge.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – reviewed without incidents.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated late year
- c. Manure ordinance – Fred reported the County ordinance banning liquid manure spreading on open fields in the winter is judged superfluous. Updated state rules cover what this was intended to cover. There will be movement to rescind it.
- d. Wildlife – working on removing some restrictions on hunting wildfowl in the winter months.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.laurelwid.com
- b. Fall Newsletter – unsure if we should invest the time and \$\$ to publish a printed version. Make more effort to alert landowners to the website. Send the adjudication paper and an invitation to receive emails for future electronic newsletters.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Meeting adjourned at 11:18. Next meeting is November 9

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____