

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: April 11, 2016 Meeting, 10 am - noon

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

<input type="checkbox"/> Leroy Plagerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Blok	<input type="checkbox"/> Jon Maberry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Appel	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Boxx	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Bierlink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Likkel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hank Kastner
<input type="checkbox"/> Gary Stoyka	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Jilk	<input type="checkbox"/> Aneka Sweeney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Ross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Sundstrom	<input type="checkbox"/> Kasey Cykler
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Seaman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob McWhoter	<input type="checkbox"/> Lee First

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of March 14 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
Fund Balance @ 4/1/2016		\$6,801.26		
Prior Month Expenses		\$780.00		
Assessments Received		\$4,042.70		
Fund Balance @ 5/1/2016		\$10,063.96		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$10,063.96
Outstanding bills:				\$860.00
Whatcom Family Farmers	<i>March Adm.</i>		\$320.00	
N3	<i>March Water Quality testing</i>		\$540.00	
End of Month Balance				\$9,203.96

	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended to Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	14,065	3,000.00	11,065.00
Projects	26,500	2,160.00	24,340.00
Adm/Insurance	9,276	920.00	8,356.00
	49,841	6,080.00	43,761.00

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

II. Old Business

- A. Ag Water Board report
 - Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update
 - Media Relations & Water Quality contract with Family Farmers – The draft contract between WFF and AWB was perused. A correction to the hourly rate was suggested. Board members were encouraged to provide Mike feedback.
 - Draft AWB Articles and Bylaws – Henry noted that Nicole Terpstra was helping to set these up.

III. New Business

- A. Ditch & Dike Maintenance
 - Ditch maintenance
 - List of Ag Priority Actions generated at mapping work session

- Programmatic Drainage Permits

A map noting the sites identified in the worksession and potential habitat sites was reviewed. Several potential projects helping with drainage and habitat were discussed. More focused meetings with affected landowners and potential project partners like WCD and NSEA were suggested.

B. Habitat – potential priority projects

- Fish passage – South Fork Deer Creek culvert and access road east of Aldrich Rd. Benefit for habitat and water quality.
- Riparian planting – Priority areas include Tenmile Creek Barrett Rd to river, North Fork Deer Creek east of Aldrich Rd, Tenmile Creek downstream of Old Guide Rd

The WID was amenable to helping to arrange, coordinate, and even use some funds to attract other investments in some of these projects.

C. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results were distributed by N3 and the Ten Mile group. Most numbers were quite good with a few exceptions.
- Implementing WID protocol for addressing issues
- Report on landowner contacts – Rich has talked to a berry grower who is in a spot where manure solids are going to a run off problem. He was receptive. Another call has not yet been returned. Mike has one cattle farm to contact.
- Ten Mile group – presented their water quality monitoring data. Discussion over the value of doing more extensive testing. They noted that Ecology was presenting information on a more intensive monitoring program at the Ten Mile meeting Wednesday evening.

D. Water Quantity

- Whatcom Water Supply Coalition
 - Ag's participation in the revised Interlocal Agreement for Whatcom
 - Working on a clear plan with goals, objectives, and actions
- Bureau of Reclamation Grant Application
 - Review of Water Rights and Needs for each WID – beginning in the South Lynden WID
 - Water Bank – part of the BOR and the Birch Bay Water District grant

E. Related Concerns

- County Comprehensive Plan update
 - Due in June – Farm Bureau funding a legal review – AWB advising
- Critical Areas Ordinance update
 - AWB submitted comments authored primarily by David Haggith

F. Education

- April 13th WFF farmer rally
- AWB/WID Newsletter
- Website www.laurelwid.com

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

May 9

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____