

Laurel Watershed Improvement District
Minutes for: June 13, 2016 Meeting, 10 am - noon
Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Leurkins
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Seaman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob McWhoter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lee First

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of May 9 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 @ 5/1/2016		\$26,640.42		
Prior Month Expenses		\$2,665.00		
Assessments Received		\$6,264.81		
Fund Balance @ 6/1/2016		\$30,240.23		
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$30,240.23
Outstanding bills:				\$2,312.40
Ag Water Board	<i>Adm, Legal, WFF, and Quantity</i>		\$2,312.40	
N3	<i>May Water Quality testing</i>			
End of Month Balance				\$27,927.83
	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended to Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
AWB	14,065	7,437.40	6,627.60	
Projects	26,500	2,700.00	23,800.00	
Adm/Insurance	9,276	920.00	8,356.00	
	49,841	11,057.40	38,783.60	

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

II. Old Business

- A. Ag Water Board report
 - Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update (in Executive Session)
 - County Comprehensive Plan and Critical Area updates – comments on Comp Plan in cooperation with WFF and Farm Bureau, more comments coming on CAO – Fred reported that the comments on Chapters 8 and 11 have been submitted and have been appreciated by the Council. Work on comments on the CAO revision is still in development.
 - Fall Newsletter – messages from WIDs are needed. Ideas generated included mention of the Ten Mile’s work on septics, Ecology’s testing, overflights and surveys, and the WID’s promotion of BMPs.

IV. New Business

- A. Ditch & Dike Maintenance

- Ditch maintenance work needs someone to seek the permits needed. In the past WC Public Works has helped the DID obtain permits but that is no longer happening. Frank Corey has helped but the funding for his work has run out. No one is helping the DIDs now. It seems like an obvious task for the WIDs. The board choose to bring this issue to the AWB as other WIDs are facing the same issue. Fred will check with George at the CD to get an estimate of costs to have Frank involved. Help with obtaining annual and 5-year permits is needed.
- List of Ag Priority Actions generated at mapping work session – continued discussion from last meetings

<u>Action #</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Development	Purchase development right in upper Silver Springs Creek.	Question what property is being referenced here.
13	Drainage	This area needs better drainage.	Top Priority – need to develop a plan to address this area just west of the Guide as it is not part of a DID.
15	Drainage	Wet field, would benefit from cleaning culvert	Axton Road. Ditch needs cleaning too. Landowners have differing ideas about how to fix the issue. They need to agree before the WID can help.
16	Drainage	Keeping this ditch clear is key to drainage to east. Creek runs slowly.	Landowner is willing to have work done. A larger project that is likely a good candidate for help from EQIP.

B. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results are generally good with only one sample slightly over 200.
- Ten Mile group report – a lot of work on septics. Primarily in the Deer Creek drainage. Two livestock farms were discussed. The board is willing to help improve the contact with landowners.
- Andy reported that the location of the T2 site has been corrected on the on-line map.
- Ecology monitoring proposal – Chris provided a report on their approach and Ecology’s willingness to work with the WID to prioritize issues and make initial contacts. Chris will provide a list of the sites being evaluated. He will also provide some key photos that would help the Board communicate concerns to the landowners. So far Ecology has made contact with 8-10 in the Ten Mile system with varying optimism for making progress.
- Report on landowner contacts – Rich talked to two farmers about drainage issues that could help address water quality concerns.
- Leroy wondered about the utility of more ZAPP machines. It appears EPA, WSDA, and Lummi are all looking into installing more ZAPP machines here. Leroy noted that there was a pumphouse on Barrett Road that had electricity and would be a natural site for evaluating the mouth of the Ten Mile system.

C. Water Quantity

- Whatcom Water Supply Coalition
 - Working on a clear plan with goals, objectives, and actions
- Water Exchange/Banking outline was distributed. Bill is working on filling in the outline with more details.
- Henry will send background materials to the Board for them to get more familiar with the issues surrounding water supply.
- Ag’s Role in the developing Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for WRIA #1 Water Planning was briefly discussed. It will be discussed further at the AWB meeting.

D. Education

- Review of Mapping Project – final report from County team is completed and we will be provided materials to be incorporated into our on-line Comp Plan shortly. Our next task will be to identify what other information we need to fill in the gaps in our Plan and pursue means to complete our Plan.
- Website www.laurelwid.com

E. Other Items from Commissioners

- wondered about the potential of funding from groups like the Rose Rich Foundation for water quality monitoring. The Ten Mile group was not successful in obtaining a grant of this nature but are willing to rework the application to come from the WID and feature the cooperation of the groups as a unique approach to addressing water quality issues.
- Fred noted the new draft of the CAFO permit was coming out Wednesday. There will be a 60 day comment period.

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

July 11 and/or August 8. Will likely cancel at least one of these meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____