

Laurel Watershed Improvement District
Minutes for: November 12, 2018 Meeting, 10 am - noon
Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

<u> </u> o <u> </u> Leroy Plagerman	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Roger Blok	<u> </u> o <u> </u> Jon Maberry
<u> </u> t <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> x <u> </u> Hank Kastner
<u> </u> x <u> </u> Alan Chapman	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Eric Sundstrom	<u> </u> Kasey Cykler
<u> </u> Bob Seaman	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Bob McWhoter	

x = present *o = absent with notice* *t = teleconference*

Board of Equalization Hearing

Public has opportunity to contest Assessments. WID board must determine if petitioners provide clear evidence they would not receive value from WID actions equal to the Assessment amount. WID Board could vote to eliminate or reduce the assessment on individual parcels. Once completed the Regular Board Meeting commences.

Mike opened the Board of Equalization Hearing. With no comments Roger moved to close the hearing, Rich seconded, motion carried unanimously.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 8 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

Roger moved to approved the Consent Agenda, Rich seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administration

- a. No nominations for board membership other than the nomination of Jon by the board were received. Jon is elected to another three year term.

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. AWB/Tribal meetings – Nooksack meeting was held in September. Lummi meeting is still pending.
- b. Watershed Management Board and Planning Unit update
 - Debate over fees (\$500), max amount (3000 gpd), meters – PU provisionally approved no change in the fees or amount and elected to have voluntary metering leading to needed data collection on rural water use.
 - Deadline for PU approval of the final plan is December 12
- c. Ecology grant application – grant submitted 10/31, notice in late December
 - Funding for surface to ground transfers and augmentation projects
 - Credit for AG when implementing stream projects
 - Water Bank/Exchange
 - Drainage Based Mgt – begin in January – likely Drayton and Bertrand
 - Impact on AWB budget, workplan – We will be busy implementing projects rather than just talking about them if the grant is approved.
- d. Flood Management grant application – ranked 1st in State, submitted by WC Flood
 - Funding for a yet to be determined ag/flooding/fish project
 - AWB staff time spent on the FLIP process in 2019-2021
 - Impact on AWB budget, workplan – funds would not be available until July.
- e. Alan Chapman – introduced as the newly elected supervisor at the Whatcom Conservation District. Interested in collaborative projects. Also on the Fishers Caucus in the Planning Unit and has been active in the Puget Sound Partnership. Noted another election for a WCD Supervisor seat will be held in early 2019.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Ditch maintenance – Ten Mile @ Chasteen Rd – Thanks to Ten Mile group for \$3000 in assistance. Bob Kratzig is working on blackberry removal. Beaver trapping with Pete Smit has removed many beavers.
- b. County PW - beaver dams just below E. Hemmi Rd. Project is progressing.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – October/November was a difficult period for fecal counts throughout the basin.
- b. Ten Mile Project report – high counts were present in their testing as well. The Deer Creek area just east of Ferndale was especially acute. Fred will talk to Erika about addressing this in the wq monitoring meeting that Erika coordinates. Rich moved that the LWID send a letter of concern to the City of Ferndale to alert them to the issue, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- c. DNA source tracking project report – CD looking for sampling sites, wildlife – Just getting started.
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Fred reported a high count was reported in Portage Bay which will hinder the ability to fully open the shellfish beds for some time. There was no clear suspect for the high count.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.laurelwid.com
- b. AWB Newsletter – ready for printing and distribution.
- c. WFF – REAL campaign – Farmer Rally November 8 – a success, many ag business and ag service individuals attending.

VII. Other Items from Commissioners

- a. Strategic Planning – some time should be devoted to taking a broad look at our direction and setting some goals for 2019. The Board suggested that the January meeting should make time for this discussion. The December meeting will likely be cancelled unless an item of urgency arises.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

January 14

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____