

Laurel Watershed Improvement District
Minutes for: August 8, 2016 Meeting, 10 am - noon
Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Leroy Plagerman Roger Blok Jon Maberry
 Rich Appel Mike Boxx

 Henry Bierlink Fred Likkel Chris Leurkins
 Bob Seaman Bob McWhoter Lee First
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of June 13 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
2016 Assessments Received		\$29,296.26		
Fund Balance @ 7/1/2016		\$28,001.56		
Fund Balance @ 8/1/2016		\$28,135.03		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$28,135.03
Outstanding bills:				\$4,462.25
Ag Water Board	<i>Adm, Legal, WFF, and Quantity</i>		\$4,462.25	
N3	<i>Water Quality testing</i>			
End of Month Balance				\$23,672.78

	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended to Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	27,798	11,899.65	15,898.35
Projects	18,394	2,700.00	15,694.00
Adm/Insurance	3,650	920.00	2,730.00
	49,842	15,519.65	34,322.35

Leroy moved approval, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Ag Water Board report

- Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update (in Executive Session)
- AWB Issues Summary – for County Council education – needs review by board
- Critical Area update – comments on CAO in cooperation with WFF and Farm Bureau – no current action

IV. New Business

A. Administrative

- Budget planning for 2017 – assessment rates need to be determined by October meeting
- Annexations – none being considered at this point
- Roger and Leroy up for nomination and reelection this fall.

B. Ditch & Dike Maintenance

- Ditch maintenance – projects at Eldred/Megard and on Four Mile near Roger’s farm are under consideration but stuck. Rich discussed with Megards but hasn’t heard back. Roger talked to Frank at the CD but no permits have been filed. The need to have someone working on this is obvious. Fred and Henry reported that Frank has submitted a grant application that would fund some of his time.
- Programmatic Drainage Permits – would be developed with Frank’s help.

C. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results – Fred briefly summarized.
- Report on landowner contacts – Rich had discussed an issue with a farmer and plans to make another contact. Mike will join him.
- Ten Mile Group – Lee presented recent results which were higher than in recent months. Septics were a prime suspect. Mike Kim of County Health will be invited to a future LWID meeting to discuss.
- ZAP units – 4 more potential – location needs electricity, security, and source of clean water for flushing. Fred reported that Exact Scientific Services is exploring a sensor that would identify bacteria types.

D. Water Quantity

- Whatcom Water Supply Coalition
 - Working on a clear plan with goals, objectives, and actions
 - Review of Water Rights and Needs for each WID
- Water Bank – part of the B. of Rec and the Birch Bay Water District grant
- Birch Bay Water and Sewer Deep Aquifer project
- Bertrand Stream Augmentation project
- Ag’s Role in the developing Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for WRIA #1 Water Planning

Henry attempted to place all these efforts into a context that the Board members could get their heads around. He promised a more graphic description in the future.

E. Education

- Review of Mapping Project report and on line storyboard - <http://arcg.is/29MYdYu> - this will be presented to the Council Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday morning.
- WCD Speaker Series proposal – Aneka supplied some ideas to consider. The Board was inclined to be supportive but wanted to know costs by next month’s meeting.
- AWB/WID Newsletter - WFF will work on material to be included in the newsletter. The deadline is the middle of September. Ideas mentioned were: landowner contacts, cooperation with ReSources, positive trends in fecal monitoring, and focus on septics.
- Website www.laurelwid.com

IV. **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

Sept 12

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____