

The board felt that this would be best coordinated by the AWB as all farmers would benefit from this work. Starting with one module was the consensus and see if we could build on that. Jon moved to allocate \$2,500 of the LWID project budget to focus on the Avian module, Leroy seconded, motion carried unanimously. The goal will be for all the other WIDs to contribute proportionally to the \$20k project budget.

V. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.laurelwid.com
- b. Ag Engineer support position – Henry reported that the AWB board had appointed a committee to study the options and make a recommendation to the WIDs in the next months. Fred is facilitating the committee which is made up of Ed Blok, Terry Lenssen, Scott Bedlington, and Rod Vande Hoef.
- c. COVID-19 implications – Fred noted that a top concern among farmers and farmworkers is how to ensure worker safety and availability. Family Farmers is looking for stories of how farms are addressing this issue and would like to feature these stories to counteract the alarms that some labor organizing groups have been making in the media. He solicited ideas that Family Farmers could pursue.

VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings

May 11 - likely postponed
June 8

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____