

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: February 8, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Maberry
<input type="checkbox"/> Rich Appel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Boxx	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Bierlink	<input 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 checked="" 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 January 11 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Balance Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
Fund Balance @ 2/1/2016		\$12,106.17		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$12,106.17
Outstanding bills:				\$4,440.00
Whatcom Family Farmers	<i>Jan Adm.</i>		\$360.00	
N3	<i>Dec. Water Quality testing</i>		\$540.00	
N3	<i>Jan. Water Quality testing</i>		\$540.00	
Clarke Law	<i>AWB Legal - January</i>		\$3,000.00	
End of Month Balance				\$7,666.17
	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended to Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
AWB	14,065	3,000.00	11,065.00	
Projects	26,500	1,080.00	25,420.00	
Adm/Insurance	9,276	360.00	8,916.00	
	49,841	4,440.00	45,401.00	

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

II. Old Business

- A. Administration - Contracts ending in March. Preliminary discussion over renewal.
 - Whatcom Family Farmers – administrative
 - N3 – water quality testing
- B. Ag Water Board report
 - Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update (in Executive Session)
 - Media Relations – “Fish, Farms, Families” brochure – Rich has been working on this. Would like his comments before we approve the idea and draft.

III. New Business

- A. Ditch & Dike Maintenance

- Ditch maintenance remains a concern. The entire system is not working. Too little work done on western segment of Ten Mile. Henry will generate a list of landowners along the creek.
- Fred is scheduling a drainage meeting for all WIDs with Jeff Gollen of the County Road Dept..

B. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results remain quite good.
- The WID protocol for addressing issues prepared by the AWB was reviewed. The Board would like to see agreement from all other WIDs before formally adopting.
- Ten Mile group members presenting a few cases where water quality is most likely being impacted.

C. Water Quantity

- Whatcom Water Supply Coalition – Henry reported on the Jan 27th meeting. Issues being addressed by this group include:
 - Birch Bay Water and Sewer Grant - \$700,000
 - Legislative funding proviso request
 - Preparation for water settlement negotiations
 - Groundwater Model phase 4 funding

D. Education

- Comprehensive Plan Update – Heather MacKay – review February 4 work session - expect full report in March
- AWB/WID Newsletter – Scott – plan to mail by Mid-March – template, review of priorities and messaging
 - i. Change the description of Four Mile on the priority list. Cleaning occurs in 3 phases over 7-8 years.
 - ii. Accomplishments: teaming with ReSources on water quality monitoring, developing comprehensive plan, farmer to farmer water quality education,
 - iii. Plans – drainage plan and project implementation, increased landowner involvement, water quality monitoring.
- Website www.laurelwid.com

E. Other Items from Commissioners

- Lee reminded the Board of the Wednesday evening Ten Mile meeting. The Lynden FFA Issues team is presenting their take on the CAFO permit.

IV. **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

March 14

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Whatcom Family Farmers – Education

Approved by _____