

Laurel Watershed Improvement District
Minutes for: September 11, 2017 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 Hank Kastner
 Andy Ross _____ Eric Sundstrom _____ Kasey Cykler
_____ Bob Seaman Bob McWhoter _____ Lee First
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of September 11 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1				
2017 Assessments Received		\$30,090.32		
Fund Balance 8/1/2017		\$35,294.43		
Fund Balance 10/1/2017		\$27,442.45		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$27,442.45
Outstanding bills:				\$5,630.34
Ag Water Board		<i>Sept, Oct AWB Admin</i>	\$5,630.34	
N3		<i>Water Quality testing</i>		
End of Month Balance				\$21,812.11
	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>		<u>Balance</u>
AWB	33,782	28,151.70		5,630.30
Projects	12,369	3,616.00	(\$3,000 DNA)	8,753.00
Insurance/Adm	3,691	2,994.86		696.14
	49,842	34,762.56		15,079.44

Jon moved approval of the Consent agenda, Roger seconded, motion approved unanimously. The board asked for reformatted financial report indicating what comes in each month.

II. Administrative

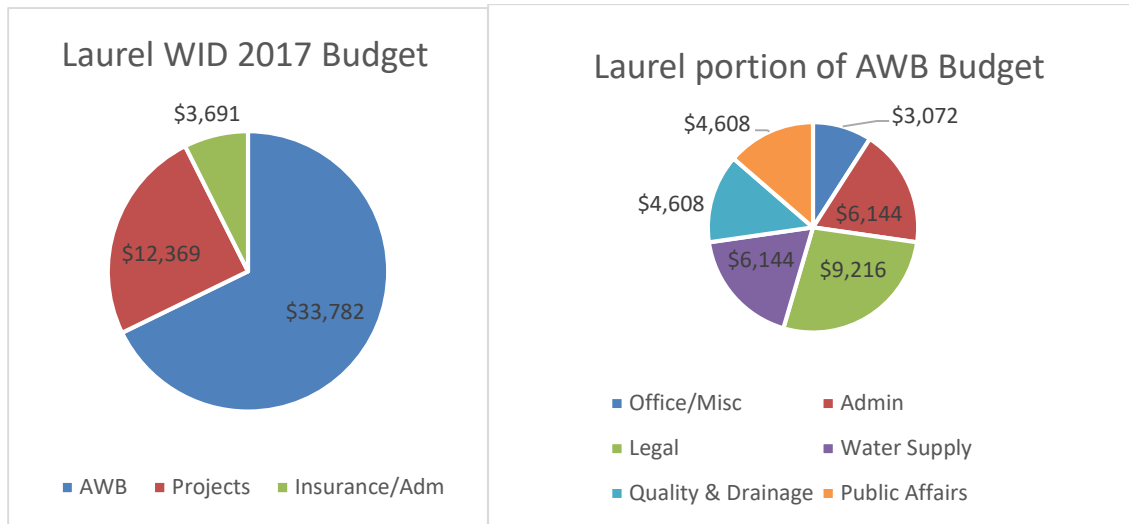
- A. Review Priority Issue and Activity lists

Priorities	2017 Action Priorities	Notes/Actions
1. Water rights	Support the AWB for efforts in legal negotiation and lobbying	
	Provide education about water rights to WID members, consider a workshop	Illustrate who is doing what to address water supply issues.
2. Drainage	Develop a 5 year plan for drainage	Ask Frank when he could help develop a Laurel plan

3. Water quality	Set up the DNA testing for water quality	Look to S Lynden WID to lead.
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B. 2018 Workplan & Budget

- Rich moved approval of 2017-1 setting the 2018 rate at \$6/acre, Jon seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution 2017-2 – Adopting the 2018 Assessment Roll – Roger moved approval of 2017-2 with the addition of the Paradise Rd. parcels, Jon seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- November 13th Board of Equalization – Henry noted the need for a quorum at the November 13th meeting.



III. Water Supply

- A. Water Supply Work Group report – Henry updated the Board on the following elements which are beginning to build towards a renewed “Drainage Based Management” effort to implement the county-wide strategies developed in the Watershed Management Plan.
- Renewed push for drainage by drainage negotiations leading to binding agreements
 - Support from State via \$450k budget request
 - Supported by the Planning Unit
 - Support building via Baker to Bay and upcoming Water Supply symposium

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- A. Ditch maintenance
- Request from DID #3 (Fourmile) – 4500’ cleaned, high costs due to willows, help with mitigation costs in spring, 2018 would be welcomed.
 - The Deer Creek drainage near Chasteen Rd. needs further investigation.
 - Ten Mile Creek east of the Guide should be further examined for drainage concerns.
- B. 5-year programmatic permit – Frank will be asked to help with the Ten Mile portion of the WID which does not have a DID in place. Fourmile already has a programmatic permit.
- C. DID meeting report – Fourmile – Roger is on the board.
- D. Appel culvert project – completed with NRCS, Diking District, and County Flood support.

V. Water Quality

- A. Ten Mile Group – a grant application for more monitoring support is pending.
- B. Monitoring Results – Fred noted the samples were clean. Portage Bay sampling has been accentuated to 3/month.
- C. WCD’s Tenmile watershed assessment – a survey is anticipated in later October.

- D. ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – EPA is still working on calibration and how much reliability can be placed on these readings. A site on Barrett Rd. is still an option.
- E. South Lynden source tracking project - slow progress on DNA work on Scott Ditch.
- F. Report on landowner contacts – Mike contacted one landowner.

VI. Education/Communications

- A. Website - www.laurelwid.com
- B. Water Supply Symposium – meeting has been rescheduled to December 13th. Bill Clarke and Chuck Lindsay will be presenting.
- C. WFF November 2 Farmer Rally – Fred encouraged the board to attend and let others know about it.
- D. Floodplain Implementation Plan – Fred alerted the Board to a November 2, 10am meeting where Ned Currence of the Nooksack Tribe will be presenting on fish needs. He felt this would be a great opportunity for WID members to ask questions to both better understand the fish issues and to challenge the fish advocates on conflicting stories.
- E. NLWID Newsletter – Henry showed the e-newsletter developed by the NLWID as an example to follow. Templates have been built for all the WIDs. What is needed is pictures of projects that the WID helped develop and an email list of WID members. Henry and Fred will work on the list.

VII. Ag Water Board

- A. Winter newsletter will be produced. Subject ideas are welcomed.
- B. Portage Bay Partnership update – no new news.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting

November 13 – Leroy and Jon are not available.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____