

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: March 9, 2020 Meeting, 10 am - noon

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

<u> o </u> Leroy Plagerman	<u> x </u> Roger Blok	<u> x </u> Jon Maberry
<u> </u> Rich Appel	<u> x </u> Mike Boxx	
<u> x </u> Henry Bierlink	<u> x </u> Fred Likkel	<u> x </u> Hank Kastner
<u> x </u> Alan Chapman	<u> </u> Eric Sundstrom	<u> </u> Kasey Cykler
<u> x </u> Chris Elder	<u> x </u> Bob McWhoter	<u> x </u> Troy Kortus

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of February 17 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*

Ag Water Board	March, April AWB	\$5,588.56
	TOTAL - Month	\$5,588.56

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

II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Drainage Based Management pilots are meeting in Bertrand, South Fork and Drayton.
 - [RFP out for data synthesis](#) - summarize data for each pilot and suggest management solutions for the group to consider. Deadline is March 16th.
- b. Adjudication discussions expressing our concerns with:
 - County Executive
 - Other partners
 - Watershed Management Board – March 16th
- c. Application for grant to complete more projects identified in DBM process as developed in the pilots.

III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. FLIP opportunities – Fred noted the Steering Committee had recommended \$100k to be applied to the Duffner tidegate project in the Bertrand WID. This sends a good message about future ag projects in the floodplain including Cougar Creek tidegates. Frank estimated a need of \$40k to develop this project. The goal is to go to construction in 2021.
- b. Ditch maintenance – some discussion about a problem area near West Hemmi where landowners cannot agree. We can't help those who won't work with us. Fourmile Creek east of Hannegan was discussed. Fred will talk with Frank Corey about management options. Roger noted that FourMile has had a 50% flow increase in recent years.
- c. Culvert replacement options

<https://geodataservices.wdfw.wa.gov/hp/fishpassage/index.html>

Board members reviewed the yellow (partial barrier) or red (full barrier) triangles in the WID. A goal is to help facilitate culvert replacements which could be used as “banked mitigation” for future ditch maintenance projects. No obvious projects were identified for the 2020 Project budget.

IV. Water Quality

- a. Ten Mile group report – another set of samples being collected next Tuesday.
- b. WCD update – Alan noted the quick testing available at the CD and that it appeared NRCS has applied another \$400k in costshare to the Ten Mile as a result of the information generated in the NWQI.
- c. DNA project – sampling to support further development of this project was considered but the more ideal approach would be to have a full plan for furthering this work in place and find the grants to support it.

- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Fred noted that many farmers had been “termed out” of these boards leaving many vacancies. They are attending as non-voting members to keep the mission moving in the right direction.

V. Education/Communications

- a. Website is regularly updated @ www.laurelwid.com
- b. WCD Engineer support position – argument for at the AWB meeting – Mike will present the LWID’s idea of either fully or partially funding an ag technician/engineer from WID generated dollars. This approach was judged preferable to supporting the parcel assessment idea promoted by the WCD Board. Board members were encouraged to complete the WCD’s survey located at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVNTT6Z>

VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings

April 13

May 11

June 8

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____