

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: February 12, 2018 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Likkel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hank Kastner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather McKay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Niles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aneka Sweeney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Ross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Sundstrom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baldev Sangha
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Kratzig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob McWhoter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Kratzig

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of January 8 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>1/1/2018</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>2/1/2018</u>	<u>ANNUAL TOTAL</u>
2017 Assessments Received		\$55.81		\$55.81
Fund Balance	\$35,151.23		\$32,391.06	
Beginning Year Balance			\$35,151.23	
Outstanding bills:				\$6,242.98
Ag Water Board	<i>Feb AWB Admin</i>		\$2,815.98	
Exact Scientific	<i>DNA study</i>		\$2,496.00	
WA State Auditor	<i>2017 Audit</i>		\$931.00	
End of Month Balance				\$26,148.08
	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	33,792	5,631.96		28,160.04
Projects	13,050	2,496.00		10,554.00
Insurance/Adm	3,000	931.00		2,069.00
	49,842	9,058.96	\$0.00	40,783.04

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

II. Administrative

- a. Develop Comprehensive Plan – Heather and Cheryl led the board through a review of the draft plan. They asked the board to concentrate their review on the highlighted sections within the tables. There will be more edits and additions following the March 1 meeting hosted by the WCD. Board members were asked to submit comments to Heather before March 30th. The final draft will be presented in April.

III. Ag Water Board

- a. Strategic Planning sessions – The Ag Water Board is focusing on crafting a clear set of positions conveying our perspectives on what needs to happen at the Watershed Management Board. The next meeting is set for February 21st.
- b. County response to water legislation
 1. Moratorium on accepting building permits has been lifted
 2. Update watershed plan to address in-stream flow goals – advancing projects that enhance watershed health must be included in the Plan Addendum due in February, 2019.
 3. Planning Unit as place for community discussion – The AWB has worked to rejuvenate the drainage seat on the Planning Unit. Fred will serve as lead backed up by Loren Vander Yacht and Jeff De Jong.

4. AWB's place in Management Board has been made official. We are an "AD HOC" member.
- c. AWB "Next Steps" proposal is continuing to get internal feedback from the WIDs. The AWB has a goal of making this proposal public in later March.
 1. Vet with Lummi – AWB wants Lummi feedback before the ideas are presented to the public. How to best approach Lummi is being explored.
 2. Present as logical progression of the process they outlined in 2015 – a draft of our proposal indicating how it follows behind the ideas Lummi presented in 2015 was discussed.
- d. Winter newsletter – The AWB newsletter is in final layout and should be out later this month.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Ditch maintenance - Ten Mile @ Chasteen Rd. – the portion of Ten Mile Creek on Baldev's property is the area needing cleanout. Doing so would relieve the pressure on the system at the Chasteen Road bridge.
- b. 5-year programmatic permit – discussion with County on sharing costs of developing these permits – Fred will continue to advance this discussion. Frank will get to work on the Ten Mile programmatic permit using Baldev's cleanout as the first permitted project.
- c. Portage Bay – Fred noted that the State budget also provided funds for a barge and gravel purchase for shellfish bed enhancement.
- d. FLIP – Fred noted that AWB was part of a grant application that would support farmer involvement in floodplain management planning.

V. Water Quality

- a. Ten Mile Group – Andy reported the numbers were encouraging.
- b. Monitoring Results – Fred distributed the recent results. Portage Bay numbers
- c. WCD's Tenmile watershed assessment – set up for March 1st meeting – Aneka noted that a pre meeting survey was out and encouraged the Board to complete it.
- d. ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – Double Ditch site is operational. Fred is hopeful it will help understand the very high counts coming across the border periodically.
- e. South Lynden source tracking project report - @ February 13th SLWID meeting. Fred noted the State budget has \$125k devoted to this type of work. The Conservation Commission will have to go through a RFP process to distribute it.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.laurelwid.com
- b. E-Newsletter – still an idea. Needs content and a list of emails.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

March 1 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, BelleWood Acres Event Center will be a worksession but not an official board meeting. Next meeting is April 9th.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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