

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 8, 2018 Meeting, 10 am - noon

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leroy Plagerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Blok	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> David Haggith	<input type="checkbox"/> Meg Harris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Corey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Sundstrom	<input type="checkbox"/> Kasey Cykler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Kratzig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob McWhoter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baldev Sangha

x = present *o = absent with notice* *t = teleconference*

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of September 10 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*

Leroy moved approval of the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills provided that \$3k of the \$7k Ten Mile Creek cleaning invoice would be reimbursed by the Ten Mile Group or the landowners, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Board term expires for Jon – Jon is willing to be renominated. Roger moved to nominate Jon for another 3 year term, Leroy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. 2019 Workplan & Budget
 - B. Resolution 2018-1 – Setting the 2019 Assessment Rate and Budget – After reviewing the AWB budget and the LWID budget Leroy moved to set the rate at \$6/acres for 2019, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Resolution 2018-2 – Adopting the 2019 Assessment Roll – Leroy moved to adopt the 2019 Assessment Roll as presented, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - D. November 12th Board of Equalization will be held at the beginning of the LWID monthly board meeting.

DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE – all Watershed Improvement Districts

Residents within the Bertrand, Drayton, Laurel, North Lynden, South Lynden, and Sumas Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to:

1) Nominate candidates for election to the Board of the District – two positions in Bertrand, one in Drayton, one in Laurel, two in North Lynden, one in South Lynden, and one in Sumas – candidates must file with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, not later than five o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in November.

2) Inspect the 2019 Assessment Roll and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in the Bertrand will be heard at 2pm, November 12th, for Sumas at 1pm, November 13th, for South Lynden at 3pm, November 13th, for Laurel at 10am, November 12th, for North Lynden at 10am, November 20th, and for Drayton at 3pm, November 20th, all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 24th to November 12th.

Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.

Public Notice must be published in Lynden Tribune October 17, 24, 31

III. Ag Water Board

- a. AWB/Tribal meetings – Water Supply committee is meeting with Nooksack next Monday. Meeting with Lummi is still pending.
- b. Watershed Management Board and Planning Unit update

- List of top mitigation for rural wells projects released – ag projects are at the top of the list.
 - Building support for AG priorities with other caucuses – hopefully resulting in letters of support for a grant application due this month.
- c. Ecology grant application – ag projects included:
- Funds for farmers to transfer surface rights to groundwater
 - Funds for stream augmentation
 - Develops Credit for AG when implementing stream projects through a Water Bank/Exchange
 - Drainage Based Mgt – begin this fall/winter
 - Provides for inventory of ag rights and water needs.
 - Water conservation added.
 - PUD is open to administering the grant – AWB would be a sub-contractor.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Ditch maintenance – Ten Mile @ Chasteen Rd – the project went well with help from Ten Mile group. Costs were over \$7k and some bills for spraying and beaver removal might still be coming. They actually were able to clean the entire reach from Chasteen to the Guide.
- b. Purchase of house on Ten Mile Rd. – Fred has challenged the County Flood program to buy this. Concern about them doing so and converting to wetlands.
- c. Beaver dams just below E. Hemmi Rd. – Frank and John Thompson presented a request by the County to use the jail crew to clean out beaver dams on East Hemmi. Leroy moved to allow them to operate under our Programmatic permit, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously. The County plans to elevate the road in 2020 and cooperation with the WID will be most helpful.
- d. Four Mile – Roger reported that the mitigation work on the Four Mile was progressing well. Much of the vegetation is coming back. Supplemental planting will be done as needed.
- e. Frank’s help in preparing the Notices of Activity – Frank is willing to keep helping with this. Billing the WID for the few hours he spends on this would make this work well. The WID Board encouraged that. Sending a letter of thanks to the WCD Board for Frank’s assistance was also mentioned.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Fred presented a short excerpt from the Whatcom Clean Water report that indicated significant progress in water quality. Fred contrasted this with recent numbers coming out of British Columbia where oversight is quite lax. He suggested pressure on Executive Louws to send another letter to BC outlying our success and our concern with their lack thereof.
- b. Ten Mile Project report – Bob noted that the numbers were good with the exception of the lower reaches of Ten Mile which is outside the LWID. Septic systems are being looked at. A fluorimeter is being used to discover household waste.
- c. DNA source tracking project report – CD looking for sampling sites, wildlife – BC is putting \$50k into helping with this.
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – the April – June Spring closure period is hard to defend in light of the recent data. We anticipate seeing that closure relaxed in the near future.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.laurelwid.com
- b. WID Newsletter – should go out in late October, early November. Needs a report from the WID on 2018 activities. Items mentioned were the Ten Mile cleanout, the 5 – Year permits, the Ten Mile Group’s work, the WCD Ten Mile project, and flood management discussion.

- c. WFF – REAL campaign – Fred called attention to several media contacts and events and noted the Farmer Rally planned for November 8th.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

November 12 – Board of Equalization to precede the Board meeting
Leroy noted he was out of town that day.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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