

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: February 17, 2015 Meeting, 3 pm – 5 pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Rod Tjoelker Scott James Marty Maberry

Jeff Bedlington Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink _____ Dale Buys _____ Chuck Lindsay

_____ Gary Stoyka _____ Steve Jilk _____ Kasey Cykler

_____ Mary Dumas _____ Joanne Greenberg _____ Fred Likkel

_____ Jim Bucknell Aneka Sweeney David Haggith

x = present

o = absent with notice

t = via teleconference

I. Review and Approval of January 20 Minutes

Scott moved approval of the January 20 minutes, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

- A. Open Meetings Act Training – required by Legislature, complete on-line training and bring copy of certificate for our files -

<http://agr.wa.gov/Portals/CommFair/OPMA.aspx>

Henry reminded the board that we need these on file. A future Audit will cite us for non-conformance.

- B. RFQ issued for: Administration, Engineering, Legal

- A RFQ posted in the Lynden Tribune will develop a list of potential contractors to meet admin, legal, and engineering needs. The Bertrand WID will maintain the list and the Drayton WID will be able to piggyback on that list as elaborated in the Interlocal Agreement that is being developed.
- Select admin from list at March meeting. Legal will likely be developed by the AG Water Board. Engineering help will be generated as they develop.

- C. Ag Water District development

- Interlocal Agreement draft 3, Suggest final edits by the 25th
- Discuss representatives to Ag Water Board (AWB)
 - Greg moved to have the President serve as the representative, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously. Consensus was to have Greg serve as first alternate and Rod as second alternate.
- To be ratified by all WIDs in March meetings
- First meeting of AWB - week of March 30th
- Consensus was to invite the North Lynden WID to participate in an advisory role as it appears they will not be signing the Interlocal.

III. New Business

- A. Ditch Maintenance

- Spray program – cost is under \$2k for road ditches in the NLWID
- Mowing – potential cooperation with County, State

B. Water Quality

- Discussion on meeting organized by Dairy Federation and North Lynden WID. Rod and David reported on the meeting to the rest of the board. They reviewed the agenda which focused on the Pollution Identification and Correction program that was developed by the Portage Bay Shellfish Committee and adopted by the County. The PIC program closely parallels the ideas of the Conservation Resource Management program that guides the Conservation Districts. The group universally felt there was need for better identification of the problem and communication about monitoring results.
- Laurel WID suggests that there be a consensus that the developing AWB would be a good spot for developing and implementing a strategy to address this problem among farmers. But there also was a recognition that some immediate steps/actions needed to be taken to alleviate regulatory and legal risks. Rod moved to “commit the DWID’s involvement with the County and Conservation District in the CRM program in order to aggressively support a positive response to the fecal coliform challenge”, Marty seconded, motion carried unanimously.

C. Development of WID Comprehensive Plan - Build a consultant team from RFQ responses. Needed help is in hydrology, fish biology, and report editing. Water quality testing could be another item of need.

D. Groundwater Modeling

- Looking for monitoring wells – install data loggers for 2 years
 - get suggestions to Henry in the next two weeks
- Pump test sites – this spring

E. Education

- Conservation District newsletter
- Web site established www.draytonwid.com
- Content like pictures, reports, etc. requested to improve the site

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

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