

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: March 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                       Aneka Sweeney                       Dan Eisses  
 Mary Dumas                       Joanne Greenberg                       Fred Likkel  
x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = via teleconference

### I. Review and Approval of February 17 Minutes

Marty called the meeting to order at 3:02. Rod moved approval of the February 17 minutes, Greg seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### II. Old Business

- A. District Administrative Services - After reviewing the candidates and discussing this with the other WID boards Greg moved to contract with Whatcom Farm Friends to provide administrative services for one year, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Ag Water District development
  - The Interlocal Agreement was signed by 5 WIDs on Monday.
  - There was agreement that addressing water quality challenges and preparing for a legal defense of the water quantity challenges outlined in the tribal requests for declaratory judgement were the prime initial concerns.
  - First meeting of AWB is being organized for late March.
- C. Augmentation Project – Ground water Modeling
  - Still looking for more wells for ground water monitoring purposes

### III. New Business

- A. Birch Bay/Blaine – Dan Eisses updated the WID on the progress to date of the potential water supply wells and pipeline in the east Blaine/Birch Bay area. They are exploring a permit for a new monitoring well to gain more data on the potential of using the aquifer for supplying potable water to north county water systems and mitigation water to irrigation users. They have support from DOH and DOE and there is \$10 million of potential support via the Legislature.
- B. Ditch Maintenance - identify sites for Mowing, Cleaning, Spraying, Beaver trapping, Dam removal, contact State, County road departments, discuss private ditches by the April board meeting. WCD will get a map to Rod who will check drainage issues over the next month.
- C. Water Quality
  - Reviewed sampling locations and suggest potential new sites
  - Reviewed WQ data – a quick place to see recent data is located on the Whatcom Conservation District [website](#)
  - Fred reported on a CRM follow-up meeting to be held March 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - The WCD presented a new potential funding source for water quality projects via the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Fred and Henry were encouraged to develop projects that may match this and other grant opportunities.
- D. Development of WID Comprehensive Plan
  - Build a consultant team from RFQ responses. Fish biology in the Dakota drainage is a clear need. Birch Bay Water and Sewer is interested in partnering on this.

E. Education

- Website [www.draytonwid.com](http://www.draytonwid.com)
- Newsletters – WCD
- Snoqualmie Valley farmers are interested in forming a WID. They have invited us to participate in an Open House on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Henry is seeking a farmer to accompany him.

**IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting**

April 21

Prepared by: Henry Bierlink

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_