

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 20, 2020 Meeting, 3 pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 876 5752 7466 Passcode: 697007

<u> </u> t <u> </u> Rod Tjoelker	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Scott James	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Marty Maberry
<u> </u> x <u> </u> Jeb Miller	<u> </u> t <u> </u> Greg Ebe	
<u> </u> x <u> </u> Henry Bierlink	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Fred Likkel	<u> </u> Chuck Lindsay
<u> </u> t <u> </u> Dan Eisses	<u> </u> Steve Jilk	<u> </u> Kasey Cykler
<u> </u> Alan Chapman	<u> </u> Aneka Sweeney	<u> </u> David Haggith
<i>x = present</i>	<i>o = absent with notice</i>	<i>t = teleconference</i>

Rod called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of September 15 Minutes
- b. Financial Report – *see financial report in board packet*

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
D1020	Ag Water Board	October - December AWB	\$7,430.22
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$7,430.22

Jeb moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Marty seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Annexations – Henry will resend a list of parcels that make some sense to annex. This would have to occur over the next year as it is too late to get on the 2021 Roll.
- b. Board nominations – Scott moved to nominate Jeb and Marty to another term, Greg seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- c. AWB Budget request – the requested increase in legal and media campaign surrounding adjudication was reviewed. The increase would reduce our project budget but reserves are adequate to fill that need should it arise.
- d. 2021 Workplan & Budget
 - Resolution 2020-1 – Setting the 2020 Assessment Rate and Budget
 - Resolution 2020-2 – Adopting the 2020 Assessment Roll

Scott moved approval of Resolution 1 and 2 setting the assessment rate at \$6/acre, Jeb seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- November 17th Board of Equalization

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, two in Drayton, two in Laurel, one in North Lynden, two in South Lynden, and two 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 2021 Assessment Roll and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in Laurel will be heard at 10am, November 9th; for Bertrand at 2pm, November 9th; for Sumas at 1pm, November 10th; for South Lynden at 3pm, November 10th; for North Lynden at 10am, November 17th; and for Drayton at 3pm, November 17th, all at the District's office or via Zoom. Contact the WID administrator for access to the meeting @ info@agwaterboard.com. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 12th to November 6th.*

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 14, 21, 28

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Deep aquifer project – Dan noted that his Board authorized \$15k to continue work on developing a water bank white paper for the Drayton area. He hopes to have a complete draft to discuss by November. It considers available deposits from deep wells, deficit irrigation, ex-dairy stockwater rights among other potential water sources. It builds on the more general RH2 study for the area and identifies specific opportunities. Dan notes there are 39 surface rights in the area where surface to ground conversions may also free up water.
- b. Adjudication debate
 - Ecology report recommends Nooksack
 - Adjudication supported only by Tribes, Fishers, Realtors, and environmental
 - Building partnerships locally and in Olympia
 - Plan for Legislative education by Family Farmers.
- c. County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Seeking support from water users
 - Would add a new element to the Watershed Management Board’s work plan – “Settlement Negotiations”. This will be advanced in lieu of adjudication.
- d. Regional Water Supply project – a technical draft summarizing what is known in each of the pilot areas is being reviewed. AESI is helping AWB with the technical review.
- e. Ecology Meeting – a meeting with local Ecology staff was suggested to explore the deteriorating relationship due to support for adjudication and some changes in the quality program. Henry and Fred will explore.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. DID #7 – no new update

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – No areas of clear concern.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated late year
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – numbers in Drayton Harbor appear OK.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.draytonwid.com
- b. Fall Newsletter – unsure if we should invest the time and \$\$ to publish a printed version. Make more effort to alert landowners to the website. Send the adjudication paper and an invitation to receive emails for future electronic newsletters. May be combined with WFF newsletter.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Meeting adjourned at 4:18. Next meeting is November 17.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____