

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: January 20, 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 _____ Tom Buroker
_____ Mary Dumas _____ Joanne Greenberg Fred Likkel
_____ Jim Bucknell _____ Heather McKay _____

x = present

o = absent with notice

t = via teleconference

I. Review and Approval of December 16 Minutes

Greg moved to accept the December 16th minutes, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Ag Water District development

- Boundary Review Board approval was obtained
- Henry reported that Bill had discovered that Ecology would have problems with using the Board of Joint Control statute in RCW 87.80. The lack of ownership of specific water rights will present challenges with using this statute to form a cooperative council. Bill's draft Interlocal Agreement builds on RCW 39.34 instead.
- Interlocal Agreement draft was reviewed with a request to have comments prior to the next board meeting in February. Henry will make the edits discussed and circulate a new draft which includes ideas from other WID boards as well.
- Discussion about the best way to garner the administrative, legal, engineering, and hydrogeological services. It seems best to have a RFQ issued on behalf of all the WIDs for each of these areas. Each WID could select their team from the applicants with a hope that there would be a consensus on a similar team.
- A review of the Mission and Goals developed at the December 17th WID Board training and strategic plan development session was reviewed as well as the Timeline for getting the Joint Board formed by spring.
- Next steps are to come back to the February meeting with a more refined package that all the WIDs are nearly agreed to. At that point we will designate representatives to the Board.

B. Review of Water Exchange Forum – January 8th

Henry discussed results and the feedback we've received. Bill did a great job getting this coordinated. There was optimism that some form of water exchange would be of benefit here. Henry will send a link to the video of the forum as soon as it is available.

III. New Business

A. Ditch Maintenance/Water Quality

The idea to have both short term action goals and more long term actions was discussed. Ideas discussed were taking over ditch maintenance from the County and water quality testing. Henry reported that the Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District had requested to attend the February WID meeting to discuss the Pollution Identification and Correction Program (PIC) that they are advancing. It looks like a joint meeting of WIDs, Dairy Federation, WCD, and the County would take place the morning of Feb. 6th.

B. Development of WID Comprehensive Plan - Henry noted that one of the first activities the Bertrand and North Lynden WIDs took was to prepare a Management Plan that documents

the current conditions and outlines the issues that need attention and a plan to address them. The general outline for a Plan is something like . . .

- I. Introduction
- II. Baseline Conditions/Issues
 - a. Hydrology
 - b. Water Use/Rights
 - c. Water Quality
 - d. Drainage System
 - e. Flood and Storm water management
 - f. Fish and Wildlife
- III. Action Plan
 - a. Hydrology
 - b. Water Use/Rights
 - i. Water budget – understand surface water model results
 - ii. Link to groundwater modeling project
 - iii.
 - c. Water Quality
 - i. Water quality monitoring
 - ii.
 - d. Drainage System
 - i. DID Management Plans
 - e. Flood and Storm water management
 - f. Fish and Wildlife

Henry offered to research the potential of getting \$3-4k applied to each WID to gather the available data and begin building the management plan.

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

February 17