

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 15, 2019 Meeting, 3pm – 5pm

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

Rod Tjoelker Scott James Marty Maberry
 Jeb Miller Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink Dale Buys Chuck Lindsay
 Dan Eisses Steve Jilk Tom Perkow
 Meg Harris Fred Likkel David Haggith
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of June 18 Minutes
- b. Financial Report - The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Ag Water Board	July - September AWB	\$7,487.28
Ag Water Board	reimbursement - LDP fee	\$373.98
	TOTAL - Month	\$7,861.26

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

II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Jeb nominated Greg and Rod for renewed terms, Marty seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. 2020 Workplan & Budget
 - Resolution 2019-1 – Setting the 2020 Assessment Rate and Budget
 - Resolution 2019-2 – Adopting the 2020 Assessment Roll
 - Marty moved approval of the Resolution 2019-1 and 2019-2, Jeb seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - November 19th 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 – one position in Bertrand, two in Drayton, two in Laurel, two 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 2020 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 11th, for Bertrand at 2pm, November 11th, for Sumas at 1pm, November 12th, for South Lynden at 3pm, November 12th, for North Lynden at 10am, November 19th, and for Drayton at 3pm, November 19th, all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 14th to November 8th.

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 16, 23, 30

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Deep Aquifer project
 - Interlocal agreement in place including the DWID
 - Letters and forms out to 22 landowners – Chuck has talked with 2, Henry with one. All are interested in obtaining more water. Targeted conversations will be held with the others to sense their interest in participating in further efforts to obtain water. These conversations are difficult without being able to say how much water might cost. \$400/af has been discussed which is too much for hay and corn.

Another challenge is that current use may not justify paying for more water but future uses may. How do we best evaluate demand?

- Examination of water supply scenarios – Chuck/Dale – 2 options were developed for further consideration:
 1. Regulatory Compliance Plan – import water from PUD and BBWS and use it to augment streamflow. Use streams as conveyance to offset diversions downstream for irrigation (both surface and groundwater).
 2. CL Non-compliance Plan – install linear wells near headwaters of streams. Remove all surface water diversions. Ensure flows meet agreed upon standard, likely current minimum stream flow.
- b. Drainage Based Management (DBM) – initiated as a subset of the Water Supply Plan facilitated by the PUD – Initial meeting indicated strong commitment from County, Tribes, PUD, COB, and WDFW. Three pilot areas were selected with process in place to have water supply plans in place by May, 2020. South Fork, Bertrand, Drayton. Challenge to determine how to represent South Fork ag. The Technical Team for Drayton will meet soon. Henry and Fred are assumed to fill these seats for ag but will rely heavily on input from the DWID Board.
- c. Streamflow Restoration Grant – \$150k available this fall for advancing projects described in the grant application – surface to ground conversions and augmentation. Will fund preparation of a list of potential projects and implementation of a conversion and augmentation project within the next two years.
- d. Shared Waters, Challenges, and Solutions – forum on latest developments in local water negotiations – went well! Greg and Turtle facilitated. 100+ attending.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Fish presence map – Henry reminded the board that Joel still needs access to some sites to finish the stream classification map.
- b. Ditch mowing – meeting with County September 23rd – Keith, Fred, and Henry met with Travis, Gary, and Paula. Discussed both mowing and cleaning. Hopeful.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results- Meg noted that the Drayton numbers have been consistently good.
- b. Reclassification of Drayton Harbor – Meg shared the good news that another 756 acres of the Harbor would be opened to shellfish harvesting soon. The announcement is to be made next week.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.draytonwid.com
- b. Watershed Steward Award nomination – Meg noted that awards to landowners are celebrated at the Shellebration event December 13th, 4-6 pm. The CD would welcome some nominations from the DWID.
- c. WFF Farmer Rally – planned for November 21st.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

November 19

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____