

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: September 15, 2020 Meeting, 3 pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 893 1352 9166 Passcode: 017419

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rod Tjoelker | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott James | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marty Maberry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeb Miller | <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Ebe | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Bierlink | <input type="checkbox"/> Dale Buys | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Likkel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Eisses | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Jilk | <input type="checkbox"/> Kasey Cykler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alan Chapman | <input type="checkbox"/> Aneka Sweeney | <input type="checkbox"/> David Haggith |

x = present *o = absent with notice* *t = teleconference*

Rod called the meeting to order at 3:18.

I. Consent Agenda

- Review and Approval of June 16 Minutes
- Financial Report - reviewed
- The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

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| D0920 | Ag Water Board | September AWB | \$2,476.74 |
| D0920 | Enduris | annual insurance | \$2,685.00 |
| TOTAL VOUCHER | | | \$5,161.74 |

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

II. Administrative

- Annexations – a brief look at the Drayton WID boundaries revealed many areas where there was annexation potential but there was no one asking for annexation and no clear candidates to be annexed. Dan will check what areas had been looked at in the work Chuck was doing and see if there were any areas where we should work on annexations. Henry will prepare a petition containing parcel #'s in areas we might consider.

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- Deep Aquifer Project – Dan is working with Ecology on where to apply the remaining funds in the project budget. Setting the stage for a functional water bank is a priority.
- Adjudication debate
 - Ecology report due September 1 – delayed until September 15th
 - Upper Columbia and Nooksack were recommended and Ecology is looking for a \$1 million in Legislative funding to get these adjudications prepared. Would not file until later 2023.
 - Adjudication supported only by Tribes, Fishers, and environmental
 - Plan for Legislative education is being prepared by the AWB. .
 - Family Farmers has a campaign to inform the community of the concerns surrounding an adjudication and has generated many letters to the Governor and Ecology expressing our concerns.
 - AWB is preparing 2021 budget. Some discussion of asking more from the WIDs to prepare for adjudication.
- County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Seeking support from water users – initial feedback from the Tribes has been positive.
 - We are urging that this not create a “new” process but to energize the current work being done under the Management Board – regional water supply planning and drainage based management.
- Regional Water Supply task force - Aspect Consulting as contractor
 - Timeline was reviewed. Intent is to complete the report by the end of 2020.

- Draft map <http://aspectconsulting.com/wria1map> of the water rights in the three pilot areas was displayed. This project will be used to set the stage for DBM.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. DID #7 update – no update. The work on the freeway culvert is occurring.
- b. Flood Committee update – Fred noted Reach 1 is the next project for FLIP. There was some discussion about the level of farm engagement in these processes if adjudication needs to be our focus.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring results – generally good. There were some elevated counts in California Creek east of Vista likely due to the release of sediment from the public works project in the area.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated but slowly. Fred reported that Kent could not get the extra labor help he had counted on from Karen Steensma’s students because of the border shutdown. The CD has offered to help in November and December.
- c. EQIP – The CD sent a schedule for EQIP requests. It is not clear who can help farmers prepare applications with Chris Clark moving south. He is still helping with ongoing contracts. However, new applications may be more difficult. Frank Corey is willing to help on habitat related projects. Erika at NRCS can still help on designs but Chris’s work in preparing applications isn’t as robust. Dakota will be providing some help.
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – tests have been good. Some concerns on the mainstem and some higher numbers above Everson. State DOH is preparing a sanitary report, which is needed every 12 years. They are also looking at their testing protocols.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.draytonwid.com

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Rod adjourned the meeting at 3:55.
October 20
November 17

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____