

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: October 17, 2017 Meeting, 3pm – 5pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Rod Tjoelker       Scott James       Marty Maberry  
 Jeff Bedlington       Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink      \_\_\_\_\_ Dale Buys      \_\_\_\_\_ Chuck Lindsay  
 Dan Eisses       Heather McKay       David Haggith  
x = present      o = absent with notice      t = teleconference

### I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of September 19 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1				
2017 Assessments Received		\$24,239.75		
Fund Balance      8/1/2017		\$36,234.82		
Fund Balance      10/1/2017		\$28,937.82		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$28,937.82
Outstanding bills:				\$5,789.34
Ag Water Board <i>Sept, Oct AWB</i>			\$5,005.34	
N3 <i>water quality monitoring</i>			\$784.00	
<b>End of Month Balance</b>				<b>\$23,148.48</b>
	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>		<u>Balance</u>
AWB	30,032	24,953.74		5,078.26
Projects	10,587	3,928.00	(\$2,500)*	6,659.00
Insurance/Adm	3,691	2,969.00		722.00
	<b>44,310</b>	<b>31,850.74</b>		<b>12,459.26</b>

\* Plan and DNA commitments

Rod moved approval of the Consent agenda, Scott seconded, motion approved unanimously.

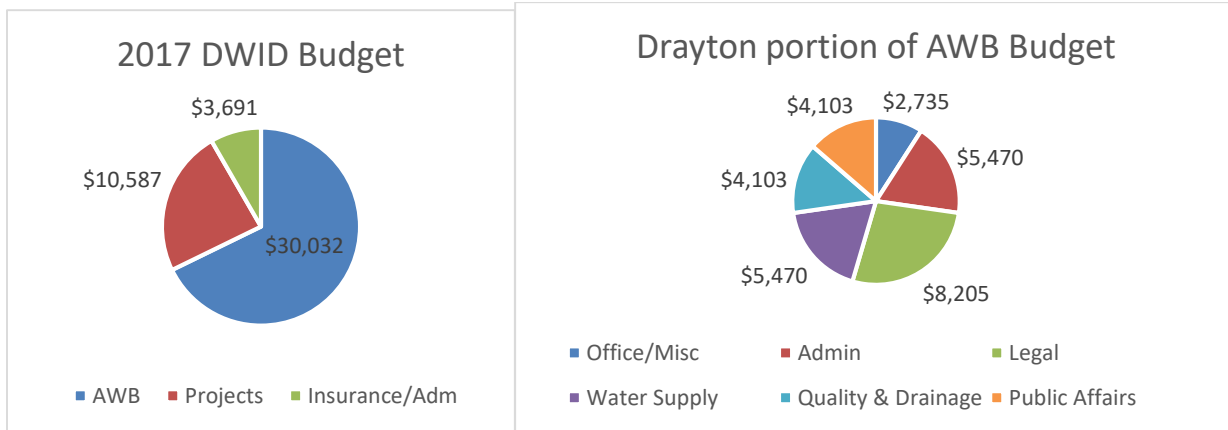
### II. Administrative

- A. Review Priority Issue and Activity lists

Priorities	2017 Action Priorities	Notes/Actions
1. Water Rights	Continue to work on deep water aquifer...move beyond just the exploration...to supply or mitigation of new water rights	Support BBWS in exploration and distribution
	Working with farmers on legal avenues to move water around...spreading, piping, water bank, transfers	Educating farmers about the resources available to them
2. Water Quality	Continue to monitor water quality and find hot spots	In progress
3. Comprehensive Plan	Public relations...family farmers to dispute misinformation	In progress through WFF

4. Drainage	East side of WID has little fall. Drainage is more of an individual matter. West side has DID #7, Need to better connect with them. (Ed P.)	Seek to help in facilitating permitting
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- B. Comprehensive Plan preparation – Heather
  - Prepared the draft document for website
  - Dan asked about the water use numbers. Dale is in contact with Heather to get the data in a form that would be useful.
  - Added an action under water rights in Table 1 to match the table in the agenda (see sidebar comment in the doc)
  - Removed yellow highlights from Table 2 where we checked the statement about ag protection & water rights.
- C. Board nominations – report on contacts – Marty will talk to Steve and Dave, Rod will talk to Dean.
- D. 2018 Workplan & Budget
  - Greg moved approval of 2017-1 setting the 2018 rate at \$6/acre, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - Resolution 2017-2 – Adopting the 2018 Assessment Roll – Rod moved approval of 2017-2, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - November 21st Board of Equalization – Henry noted the need for a quorum at the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.



### III. Water Quality

- A. Monitoring Results – David indicated few samples had been collected. Those that were collected were good.
- B. South Lynden source tracking project - slow progress on DNA work on Scott Ditch.
- C. DNA – David noted the recent DNA report for the Lummis. No evidence of bovine reported in the initial results.

### IV. Drainage/Habitat

- A. Ditch maintenance – there are not many areas in the WID that have needs other than those already covered in the DIDs.
- B. 5-year programmatic permit – Frank will work on this in 2018.
- C. Floodplain Implementation Plan – David alerted the Board to a November 2, 10am meeting where Ned Currence of the Nooksack Tribe will be presenting on fish needs. He felt this would be a great opportunity for WID members to ask questions to both better understand the fish issues and to challenge the fish advocates on conflicting stories

### V. Water Supply

- A. Birch Bay Water & Sewer – Deep Aquifer project – Dan reported that pump tests on the third well were forthcoming. The deep well drilled by Ferndale will also be tested soon. He hopes to have a draft of the feasibility study for moving the water in November.

- B. Hirst – Dan and Greg have been meeting with Eric. They are finding some common ground that will help us make our points about where laws need changing.
- C. Water Supply Work Group report – Henry updated the Board on the following elements which are beginning to build towards a renewed “Drainage Based Management” effort to implement the county-wide strategies developed in the Watershed Management Plan.
  - Renewed push for drainage by drainage negotiations leading to binding agreements
  - Support from State via \$450k budget request
  - Supported by the Planning Unit
  - Support building via Baker to Bay and upcoming Water Supply symposium
  - Augmentation options to increase stream flows – use of conversions and pump and dump

## **VI. Education/Communications**

- A. Website - [www.draytonwid.com](http://www.draytonwid.com)
- B. Water Supply Symposium – meeting has been rescheduled to December 13<sup>th</sup>. Bill Clarke and Chuck Lindsay will be presenting.
- C. WFF November 2 Farmer Rally – Fred encouraged the board to attend and let others know about it.
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- E. NLWID Newsletter – Henry showed the e-newsletter developed by the NLWID as an example to follow. Templates have been built for all the WIDs. What is needed is pictures of projects that the WID helped develop and an email list of WID members. Henry and Fred will work on the list.

## **VII. Ag Water Board**

- A. Winter newsletter will be produced. Subject ideas are welcomed.
- B. Portage Bay Partnership update – no new news.

## **VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting**

November 21

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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