

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: October 20, 2015 Meeting, 3pm – 5pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Rod Tjoelker                       Scott James                       Marty Maberry  
 Jeff Bedlington                       Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink                       Heather McKay                      \_\_\_\_\_ Chuck Lindsay  
\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Stoyka                      \_\_\_\_\_ Steve Jilk                      \_\_\_\_\_ Kasey Cykler  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mary Dumas                      \_\_\_\_\_ Joanne Greenberg                      \_\_\_\_\_ Fred Likkel  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Bucknell                      \_\_\_\_\_ Aneka Sweeney                       David Haggith

x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference

### Board of Equalization Hearing

Public has opportunity to contest Assessments. WID board must determine if petitioners provide clear evidence they would not receive value from WID actions equal to the Assessment amount. WID Board could vote to eliminate or reduce the assessment on individual parcels. Once completed the Regular Board Meeting commences.

Marty opened the Hearing. Rod moved to close the hearing, Greg seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of November 17 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

Fund Balance @ 12/1/2015 \$16,632.52

Greg moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### II. Old Business

#### A. Ag Water Board report

- Legal
  - Legal Defense Team report – several lawyers have been interviewed and are in discussion with WFF. The purpose is to prepare a defense of farming that farms, and their legal teams, could use in potential lawsuits against farms.
  - Lummi Settlement Update – The AWB will be meeting with Lummi January 7<sup>th</sup> to further discuss short term and long term agreements. It was noted that under RECA suits compensation does not go to the affected parties (shellfish harvesters) but to the federal govt.
- Media Relations – a positive, careful, simple and fact filled message is what is needed. There is a need for the WIDs to show positive results of their activities to back up this message. Efforts like the LWID water quality monitoring partnership with the Ten Mile group, the NLWID monitoring, and the follow-up being done are just such actions.
- Financial – a review of AWB finances was conducted.

| <u>WID</u>    | <u>%</u> | <u>Insurance</u> | <u>Adm/W. Qt.</u> | <u>Legal</u>  | <u>W. Qual/Dr.</u> | <u>Public Affairs</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>   | <u>Expended</u>    | <u>Balance</u>     | <u>%</u>     |
|---------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Bertrand      | 24%      | \$876            | \$3,600           | \$6,480       | \$3,802            | \$10,560              | 25,318         | \$23,000.23        | \$2,317.37         | 90.8%        |
| South Lynden  | 21%      | \$767            | \$3,150           | \$5,670       | \$3,326            | \$9,240               | 22,153         | \$19,120.00        | \$3,032.90         | 86.3%        |
| Drayton       | 11%      | \$402            | \$1,650           | \$2,970       | \$1,742            | \$4,840               | 11,604         | \$9,120.00         | \$2,483.90         | 78.6%        |
| Laurel        | 13%      | \$475            | \$1,950           | \$3,510       | \$2,059            | \$5,720               | 13,714         | \$12,276.94        | \$1,436.76         | 89.5%        |
| Sumas         | 31%      | \$1,132          | \$4,650           | \$8,370       | \$4,910            | \$13,640              | 32,702         | \$23,748.88        | \$8,953.02         | 72.6%        |
| <b>BUDGET</b> |          | <b>3,650</b>     | <b>15,000</b>     | <b>27,000</b> | <b>15,840</b>      | <b>44,000</b>         | <b>105,490</b> | <b>\$87,266.05</b> | <b>\$18,223.95</b> | <b>82.7%</b> |
| SPENT         | 711.96   | 3,285.00         | 16,080.00         | 21,639.71     | 12,320.00          | 33,229.38             | 87,266.05      |                    |                    |              |
| REMAINING     |          | 365.00           | -1,080.00         | 5,360.29      | 3,520.00           | 10,770.62             | 18,223.95      |                    |                    |              |

WID                      May-15                      June-15                      July-15                      Aug-15                      Sep-15                      Oct-15                      Nov-15                      Dec-15

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|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bertrand     |                   |                   | \$16,680.23        |               |                    | \$1,560.00         | \$4,760.00         |
| South Lynden | \$3,000.00        |                   |                    | \$6,360.00    | \$4,760.00         |                    | \$5,000.00         |
| Drayton      |                   | \$3,120.00        |                    | \$3,000.00    |                    | \$3,000.00         |                    |
| Laurel       | \$2,289.91        | \$1,760.00        |                    | \$5,885.00    |                    |                    | \$2,342.03         |
| Sumas        | \$1,760.00        | \$3,000.00        |                    | \$10,766.53   | \$5,302.35         | \$1,760.00         | \$1,160.00         |
|              | <b>\$7,049.91</b> | <b>\$7,880.00</b> | <b>\$16,680.23</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$26,011.53</b> | <b>\$10,062.35</b> | <b>\$6,320.00</b>  |
|              |                   |                   |                    |               |                    |                    | <b>\$13,262.03</b> |

### III. New Business

#### A. Ditch & Dike Maintenance

- Ditch maintenance - try to get Jeff Gollen at attend the January meeting.

#### B. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results – David reported the numbers are continuing to improve. He remained somewhat frustrated that the DOH was holding out through the winter before reopening the Drayton Harbor shellfish beds.

#### C. Water Quantity

- Planning Unit – The PU plans to be self - facilitated in 2016. The County has approved another \$40k for PU functions in 2016 but will require a clear budget and PU consensus on how these dollars are spent.
- Out of Stream Users Group – Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting initial meeting of the staffs of these entities – AWB, PUD, Water Districts, Water Associations, Small Cities, Bellingham, and Whatcom County.
- Drought Preparation application – still in progress under Bill and Henry’s leadership.
- Deep Aquifer exploration – there will be some informal discussions and examining data before a formal proposal may be made to involve the WID in further exploration of this idea. The WID may look at the Drought Fund dollars as a source of support for carrying this idea further.

#### D. Education

- Comprehensive Plan Update – Heather MacKay – short work session – Heather provided an overview of the work accomplished in the Ag Watershed Project and how the next steps will be helpful to the development of the WID Comprehensive Plan. An MOA concerning mutual expectations will be developed between the WID and the County for the January Board meeting. An extended work session was scheduled for February 3rd, 1-4pm. The Board is encouraged to think of knowledgeable people who might participate in the mapping project. Chris Clark and Ed Pomeroy were mentioned.
- Website [www.draytonwid.com](http://www.draytonwid.com)

#### E. Other Items from Commissioners

- David suggested that it would be wise to invite Matt McCaffey to future meetings. Matt is the new County CAO inspector. The Technical Advisory Committee of the CAO rewrite is requiring woody vegetation in stream buffers.
- Marty and Greg urged more involvement from Ecology in WID activities. Communication matters.

### IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

January 19

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Whatcom Farm Friends

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