

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: March 16, 2021 Meeting, 3pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 852 9555 0082 Passcode: 997687

<u> x </u> Rod Tjoelker	<u> x </u> Scott James	<u> t </u> Marty Maberry
<u> o </u> Jeb Miller	<u> x </u> Greg Ebe	
<u> x </u> Henry Bierlink	<u> </u> Dale Buys	<u> t </u> Jenn Mackey
<u> </u> Dan Eisses	<u> </u> Steve Jilk	<u> t </u> Kasey Cykler
<u> t </u> Atul Deshmane	<u> </u> Aneka Sweeney	<u> t </u> David Haggith
<i>x = present</i>	<i>o = absent with notice</i>	<i>t = teleconference</i>

Rod called the meeting to order at 3:04.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of February 16 Minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
D0321	Ag Water Board	March, April AWB	\$6,302.50
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$6,302.50

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

II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Legislature – considering Gov’s request and a version of the budget proviso we helped to develop that doesn’t assume we are on a clear path to an adjudication.
 - County Executive proposal – not progressing until after the Legislative session as Tribes won’t commit to it unless an adjudication path is advancing.
 - Cascadia Policy Solutions - Maia, Jay – engaged by County, hoping they can bring some sanity to whatever direction the Legislature provides.
- b. Watershed Management Board projects
 - Drainage Based Management – outline provided – a good start with good participation.
 - Regional Water Supply Plan – data collection and analysis phase completed. Evaluating management options.
- c. BBWSD – water banking paper was distributed. Another example of potential tools to be used to resolve some supply issues if legal water deposits could be found.
- d. Dakota Augmentation project – grant extended to December, 2022
- e. Other WID projects with supply implications
 - S Lyn – PUD Pipeline, Lynden MAR, Bellingham middle fork

III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. DID #7 update – Rick sent an update of DID #7’s culvert replacement and stream relocation work. They are hoping for help from the EDI program. Since this area is outside our DWID boundaries we are challenged to help financially. Greg is offering help with easements and Henry has assisted in their EDI application.
- b. Ditch Maintenance - Fred is arranging a meeting with County PW to identify areas where road ditch maintenance is needed.
- c. Beaver trapping – there is interest in watching how the Sumas beaver monitoring program will function.

IV. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – David presented the results which looked good in recent months. He alerted the board to a WCD run-off study which may provide some useful information.
- b. DNA project – Avian project – remains slowed although some analysis has occurred. Ryan has relocated to PA but is still working on this. Expected results within 3 months.
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – A clear decline in the numbers overall which may be attributed to taking samples at high runoff events. Further closures are possible. The likelihood of fall openings are increasingly unlikely.

V. Education/Communications

- a. Review of Website – www.draytonwid.com
 - Augmentation project
 - Water bank
 - Deep aquifer update
 - Reference to legal strategy
 - Communication through WFF newsletters
 - DNA project
 - DBM
 - Contributions to salmon recovery

VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Rod adjourned the meeting at 3:55. Next meeting is April 20.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____