

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: April 16, 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 Mike Murphy Stacey Beier
 Alan Chapman _____ Aneka Sweeney Fred Likkel
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of March 19 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*

Marty moved approval of the consent agenda, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Deep aquifer project update
 - Water Supply study – Dan reported that the contract with Ecology was signed and work was proceeding. Dale and Chuck are planning the next steps on determining water supply and a meeting with the County PDR program is planned for Friday. A letter to landowners is being drafted. The Board wanted to be sure that the message in this letter and our upcoming newsletter is consistent.
 - Interlocal Agreement – Dan felt the agreement between all the involved parties would be ready by our June meeting.
 - A question about how much potential tribal opposition might affect the project was raised. Dan replied that as long as we were functioning within the current water code any opposition would be listened to but not be an automatic project stopper. Dan noted that having tribal support should be the goal which the DWID fully concurred with.
- b. Drainage Based Management – tasked to County – pushing for June start – still uncertain how this gets started. Funds from the grant application are still uncertain as well.
- c. Ecology Rule Making – amending the Nooksack Rule
 - AWB requests (attached) – a draft came out earlier this week. Our read of it is that it is very limited in what it addresses with almost exclusive focus on mitigation for the exempt well issue. We will be meeting with Ecology soon to attempt broadening the issues addressed in the amendment.
 - Open Houses – April 22 – 1-3 in Ferndale, 6-8 in Lynden
- d. Advice to landowners via the Summer newsletter – Henry discussed the content of the lead article for the AWB newsletter planned for June. Detailed advice on the steps to take to examine water right status will be provided but in an abbreviated form from the landowner letter sent in 2017. The article will also recruit drainage ideas and encourage more participating in board meetings.

III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. DID #7 update – Grandview project – Dale and Greg attended the meeting earlier today where the idea of a Drayton area Basin Drainage Plan was discussed. Solving the Grandview Industrial site’s drainage should not negatively affect drainage elsewhere. The DWID may be looked at as the coordinating entity to accomplish this task. Greg moved to approve the DWID’s willingness to facilitate work on this project by developing an interlocal agreement with the PUD, DID #7, and any other entity interested in developing a Comprehensive Drainage Management Plan in the Drayton area, Marty seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- b. Fish presence mapping – Joel request landowner access to examine streams off the public right-of-ways. He has areas where he is open to making changes in the fish presence map. The highlighted light blue areas where he thinks we should change the classification from ditch to modified natural. The highlighted pink areas from modified natural to ditch.

The Board will help facilitate getting Joel access to these sites. Henry added landowner assignments to [Joel's map](#). Greg will talk with Ed, Henry with Jag and Martin De Lange, the others with their neighbors as indicated. The hope will be to get permission for access and then have Joel let us all know what day he will be in the area to examine these streams.

- c. Drainage projects – trying to arrange a time for the County and WDFW to meet with all WIDs about projects – no obvious projects were advanced in the Drayton.

IV. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Fred reported from David that the March numbers were good and the April samples were yet to be taken. He sensed that sending notices to landowners again this fall would be a wise step.
- b. Portage Bay press release – developed by the County. Made front page of the Herald.
- c. DNA source tracking project report – CD looking for sampling sites, wildlife – still being developed.

V. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.draytonwid.com
- b. Newsletter – WID activity report – Rod will review the draft report from the Drayton WID.

VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings

May 21 – likely cancelled

June 18

Sept 17

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____