

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: November 17, 2020 Meeting, 3 pm

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<input type="checkbox"/> Rod Tjoelker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott James	<input type="checkbox"/> Marty Maberry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeb Miller	<input checked="" 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"/> Jay Chennault
<input type="checkbox"/> Alan Chapman	<input type="checkbox"/> Atul Deshmane	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

Scott opened the hearing at 3:00, upon hearing from no petitioners Jeb moved to close the hearing, Marty seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### I. Consent Agenda

- Review and Approval of October 20 Minutes
- Financial Report

Jeb moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Marty seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### II. Administrative

- Board nominations – Jeb and Marty are elected to a 3 year term. Congratulations and Thanks!
- Annexations – Henry pointed to potential parcels in the Haynie Road area. We will keep this on future agendas.

#### III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- Deep Aquifer project – Dan reported that Chuck was nearing completion on the White Paper examining the potential of water banking.
- Adjudication debate
  - Plan for Legislative education is being coordinated by Bill Clarke with the lobbyists and leaders in Olympia. Family Farmers sent an Update to all farmers and held a meeting with the East Indian community to update them on this issue as well.
- County Executive proposal
  - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
  - Expect to have the Watershed Management Board approve the workplan December 17<sup>th</sup>, Initial feedback has been positive.
  - AWB position remains the need to sideline adjudication in lieu of work on the settlement negotiations. Others think they can proceed together.
  - Lummi convening a Tribal/AWB meeting – date is set for December 10<sup>th</sup>. Logistics are being arranged.
- Regional Water Supply project – a technical draft summarizing what is known in each of the pilot areas is being reviewed. AESI is helping AWB with the technical review. The purpose is to identify best sites for implementing tools to increase flows. The 100% hydraulic continuity assumption needs to be challenged.
- AWB Grant – The Ecology grant to fund surface to ground conversions and stream augmentation needs a project on the ground next summer. AESI is presenting a list of options in the Bertrand and Drayton WIDs. The Board considered several options including making use of the deep aquifer wells drilled by BBWS. Jay will refine the ideas and initiate a future conversation with landowners about best options. Henry will check

with WDFW about best locations for fish enhancement and if there were issues with using deep aquifer water for augmentation. Surface to ground conversions may also be an option in Dakota Creek as there are 4 cfs in surface rights on the creek.

#### **IV. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – recent data indicates the numbers are quite good – a few questionable spots.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated by WCD as they are collecting bird droppings
- c. Drayton Harbor Shellfish - The Dept of Health was asked to refine their closures to reflect high risk rainfall events rather than just blanket closures. A general unwillingness to do this yet. Fred also noted the Shellfish Committee was in need of more farmers to serve.

#### **V. Education/Communications**

- a. Website – [www.draytonwid.com](http://www.draytonwid.com)

#### **VI. Other Items from Commissioners**

- a. Shoreline Management Plan – The County Planning Commission is reviewing an update to the SMP. There are many unknown implications for ag. David Haggith is helping to provide input based on experiences with the CAO. Jon Maberry is the only farmer on the Commission. Atul is also on the PC and offered his assistance.

#### **VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

Scott adjourned the meeting at 4:28.  
December 15  
January 19

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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