

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: January 19, 2016 Meeting, 3pm – 5pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Rod Tjoelker       Scott James       Marty Maberry  
 Jeff Bedlington       Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink       Wendy Harris       Scott Bedlington  
 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

### I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of December 15 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

Fund Balance @	1/1/2016		\$14,169.26
Accounts Payable			
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement			
	TOTAL Available		\$14,169.26
Outstanding bills:			\$3,408.00
	Whatcom Family Farmers	Dec Adm, letters	\$758.00
	Whatcom Family Farmers	Nov Adm	\$400.00
	Agincourt Strategies LLC	AWB Dec. Media Services, partial	\$2,250.00
End of Month Balance			\$10,761.26

	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Insurance	2,600	4,622.00	-2,022.00
AWB	11,604	8,370.00	3,234.00
Projects	11,106	347.95	10,758.05
Administration	4,250	1,998.00	2,252.00
	<b>29,560</b>	<b>15,337.95</b>	<b>14,222.05</b>

Greg suggested that Bill peruse the minutes relating to the AWB discussions before approving them and making them public. It was decided to remove a few phrases in the draft minutes. Greg moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### II. Old Business

#### A. Administrative

- Election of Chair for 2016 – Scott moved to keep Marty as Chair and Jeff as vice-chair, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- 2016 Budget

<u>WID</u>	<u>AWB</u>	<u>Admin/Insurance</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bertrand	50,696	7,662	28,000	86,358
North Lynden	20,891	2,833	0	23,724
South Lynden	45,758	7,188	25,000	77,946
<b>Drayton</b>	<b>26,012</b>	<b>6,298</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>44,310</b>
Laurel	29,260	5,582	15,000	49,842
Sumas	65,384	6,931	20,500	92,815
	<b>238,000</b>	<b>36,494</b>	<b>100,500</b>	<b>374,994</b>

B. Ag Water Board report

- Legal
  - Lummi Settlement Update (in Executive Session)
    - Discussion of upcoming meeting with Lummi over water quality issues and the State’s perspective on upcoming settlement negotiations.
- Media Relations – discussion of changing emphasis in AWB from media relations to legal defense needs.
- Financial – adopted AWB Budget

<u>WID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Insurance</u>			<u>Water</u>	<u>Quality/</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
			<u>Office</u>	<u>Admin</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Access</u>	<u>Drainage</u>	<u>Affairs</u>	
Bertrand	14,393	21.3%	\$1,278	\$4,260	\$28,969	\$4,260	\$4,260	\$7,668	50,696
North Lynden	5,931	8.8%	\$527	\$1,756	\$11,937	\$1,756	\$1,756	\$3,160	20,891
South Lynden	12,991	19.2%	\$1,154	\$3,845	\$26,147	\$3,845	\$3,845	\$6,921	45,758
Drayton	7,385	10.9%	\$656	\$2,186	\$14,864	\$2,186	\$2,186	\$3,935	26,012
Laurel	8,307	12.3%	\$738	\$2,459	\$16,720	\$2,459	\$2,459	\$4,426	29,260
Sumas	18,563	27.5%	\$1,648	\$5,494	\$37,362	\$5,494	\$5,494	\$9,890	65,384
	<b>67,570.0</b>		<b>6,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>136,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>238,000</b>
			3%	8%	57%	8%	8%	15%	100%

There were questions about the need for \$36k in a Public Affairs/Media Relations budget when Family Farmers would be doing the majority of this work. It was noted that there were many other WID members who saw the Public Affairs piece as the priority expense.

III. **New Business**

A. Ditch & Dike Maintenance

- The NLWID is arranging a meeting with the Corps.
- Joint WID meeting with County Road Department will follow.
- Senator Ericksen introduced SB6175 which would give WIDs more authority and funding over drainage projects.

B. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results have been reasonably good. Not a lot of new data since last month. Fred reported that the WCD’s effort to consolidate and present water quality data was making progress. The link to that data is <http://wacds.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=71fa677503c949c8847066178a531099>
- Fred informed the group of a developing policy generated by Whatcom Family Farmers which would provide a consistent response strategy across the WIDs for reports of questionable practices or consistently high fecal coliform tests. The goal is to have all WIDs adopt the policy and be the first point of contact for landowners when issues arise. The WID noted we needed to document the contacts we make and record them in some fashion, possibly in the minutes of the meetings.

C. Water Quantity

- Planning Unit is continuing with AWB participation
- Out of Stream Users Group – Jan 27th meeting, potential agenda items:
  - Birch Bay Water and Sewer Grant - \$700,000 for exploring two more deep aquifer wells and setting up a water bank. The Drayton WID made their support for Birch Bay’s initiative to get this project moving clear.
  - Legislative funding proviso request to do the review of water rights for each WID and to add to the water banking process beyond the Birch Bay project.

D. Education

- Comprehensive Plan Update – Heather MacKay – organizing February 3work session – A draft MOA with the County was discussed with commits the WID to encouraging attendance of WID landowners at the session. Several names were suggested as participants.
- Website [www.draytonwid.com](http://www.draytonwid.com)

E. Other Items from Commissioners

- Rod reported on data that indicated the dangers of drawing conclusions from individual water quality samples.

**IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting**

February 16

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Whatcom Family Farmers

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