

Drayton Watershed Improvement District
Agenda for: October 18, 2016 Meeting, 3 pm – 5 pm
 Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of September 20 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
2016 Assessments Received		\$24,564.02		
Fund Balance @ 9/1/2016		\$23,407.48		
Fund Balance @ 10/1/2016		\$23,908.52		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$23,908.52
Outstanding bills:				\$2,049.20
Ag Water Board	<i>October AWB</i>		\$2,049.20	
End of Month Balance				\$21,859.32

	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	26,012	14,675.16	11,336.84
Projects	12,000	750.00	11,250.00
Adm/Insurance	6,298	3,531.00	2,767.00
	38,012	18,956.16	25,353.84

II. Old Business

- A. Ag Water Board report
 - 2017 Workplan and Budget
 - Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update (possibly in Executive Session)
 - AWB Issues Summary – for County Council education
 - Critical Area update – comments on CAO in cooperation with WFF and Farm Bureau

III. New Business

- A. Administrative
 - Resolutions for 2017
 - Budget planning for 2017
 - Assessment rate
 - Assessment Roll
 - Legal Notice in Tribune Oct. 12, 19, 26
 - Board nominations
- B. Ditch & Dike Maintenance
 - Ditch maintenance
 - Programmatic Drainage Permits - WCD Grant application
- C. Water Quality
 - Water quality testing results
 - Exact Scientific – source tracking technology
 - Report on landowner contacts
- D. Water Quantity – explanatory diagram
 - Whatcom Water Supply Coalition

- Groundwater Forum – October 19th
- Birch Bay Water and Sewer Deep Aquifer project
 - Progress on wells
- Ag's Role in the developing Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for WRIA #1 Water Planning

E. Education

- WCD Speaker Series – Drayton program on February 16th
- AWB/WID Newsletter – 1,350 mailed late September
- Website www.draytonwid.com

F. Comments on Conservation District 2017 Workplan

G. Other Items from Commissioners

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IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

November 15

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: September 20, 2016 Meeting, 3pm – 5pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Rod Tjoelker Scott James Marty Maberry
 Jeff Bedlington Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink Dale Buys Dan Eisses
 Jim Bucknell Aneka Sweeney David Haggith
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of July 19 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
2016 Assessments Received		\$24,062.98		
Fund Balance @ 8/1/2016		\$23,246.16		
Fund Balance @ 9/1/2016		\$23,407.48		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$23,407.48
Outstanding bills:				\$5,490.20
Ag Water Board	<i>Sept AWB, RTJ Easement</i>		\$2,799.20	
Enduris	<i>Insurance</i>		\$2,691.00	
End of Month Balance				\$17,917.28
	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
AWB	26,012	12,625.96	13,386.04	
Projects	12,000	750.00	11,250.00	
Adm/Insurance	6,298	3,531.00	2,767.00	
	38,012	16,906.96	27,403.04	

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

II. Old Business

A. Ag Water Board report

- 2017 Workplan and Budget – the 2017 Projected AWB Budget was reviewed and discussed. The budget projects to go up \$49k to address increased legal expenses surrounding settlement negotiations and the establishment of a miscellaneous fund to fund potential requests for support.
- Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update – an update of current status was provided.
- AWB Issues Summary – for County Council education – a draft was circulated and Board members were asked for comments.

III. New Business

A. Administrative

- Budget planning for 2017 – assessment rates and a Role will be adopted in October.
- Nominations – Rod & Greg – Marty nominated Greg and Rod for renomination to another 3 year term, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Legal Notice must be published in Lynden Tribune October 12, 19, 26

DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE – all Watershed Improvement Districts

Residents within the Bertrand, Drayton, Laurel, North Lynden, South Lynden, and Sumas Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to:

1) Nominate candidates for election to the Board of the District – one position in Bertrand, two in Drayton, two in Laurel, two in North Lynden, two in South Lynden, and two in Sumas – candidates must file with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, not later than five o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in November.

2) Inspect the 2017 Assessment Role and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in the Bertrand will be heard at 2pm, November 1st, for Sumas at 1pm, November 8th, for South Lynden at 3pm, November 8th, for Laurel at 10am, November 14th, for North Lynden at 10am, November 15th, and for Drayton at 3pm, November 15th, all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 11th to November 15th.

Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at 1796 Front Street, Lynden.

B. Water Quality

- The inconsistency in Water quality testing results are troubling. David was encouraged to take followup tests when he sensed that it might help us isolate a source. Dan wondered if any composite samples were taken.
- An effort to locate 5 more ZAP units is occurring. They need locations that have security, access and electricity. The efforts are primarily focused in the Fishtrap although there may be one at the Guide Bridge on the Nooksack.
- Exact Scientific – source tracking technology using DNA is becoming more realistic. N3 and some farmers have been meeting with Kent Oostra to explore how this might be used and funded.

C. Water Quantity – an explanatory diagram outlining the numerous water policy groups was distributed.

- Whatcom Water Supply Coalition goals, objectives, and actions were provided. This group is working on shared legal expenses, Review of Water Rights and Needs for each WID, and development of a Water Bank – part of the BOR and the Birch Bay Water District grant.
- The County announced the WIDs would be invited to be part of the Water Policy Management Team albeit in a not voting capacity.
- AWB Water Supply Committee – Greg noted he would be trying to schedule a meeting every two weeks to start outlining a recommended strategy to the AWB. He has several key partners in mind to meet with that would help inform our work.
- Birth Bay Water and Sewer Aquifer Project
 - Phase 1 contract is in place with RTJ, not needed for WLT, will see about the third location
 - Phase 2 contract in Place at RTJ and drilling expected to start October 4th. WLT is meeting tonight to approve the Phase 2 contract and drilling there is expect in mid-November. The third location will be selected based on the knowledge garnered in the first two wells and drilling there is likely late in December.

D. Education

- WCD Speaker Series proposal – Corina provided a proposed schedule of Speaker Series and invited the WID to be a co-sponsor. Greg moved approval of \$100 for sponsorship, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- AWB/WID Newsletter – Marty drafted a report.
- Website www.draytonwid.com

E. Comments on Conservation District 2017 Workplan - The Board was encouraged to provide feedback to the WCD.

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

October 18

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____

Hello Partners,

Hopefully, you previously found beneficial the document we sent to you regarding the successful work accomplished and completed on the Comprehensive Plan Review. We have consulted with our lawyer and it is NOT recommended that we pursue an appeal of the final decisions by the County Council of the Comp Plan. Our legal expert informed us that we made a strong case regarding the Comp Plan and were successful in many areas, but now our actions would be better used in the next step of this journey.

Rather, our lawyer advises us to now focus on the Critical Areas Ordinance Review which will have an even stronger impact on our futures and on agriculture in our County. Weeks ago we requested our lawyer to start work on the full review of the Critical Areas Ordinance. This includes not only line-by-line assessment, but word-by-word evaluation of the interpretation and intent of the sentences.

We need your support of unity and support of finances to continue this important work. We would prefer to add your names to the next set of comments sent to Whatcom County Council. Please let us know as soon as able your intentions of continuing to stay in our partnership and of your commitment of financial obligations. Please call me directly to discuss at [360-319-9310](tel:360-319-9310).

Please find below the sources of funding to this date of October 4, 2016:

\$ 545.00	- Individual Supporters
5,000.00	- Ag District Coalition (Coalition has closed)
In Kind	- Ag Water Board (work of Fred Likkell)
2,000.00	- Whatcom Cattlemen's Association
In Kind	- Whatcom County Dairy Federation (work of David Haggith)
1,000.00	- Whatcom Family Farmer's
<u>11,000.00</u>	<u>- Whatcom County Farm Bureau</u>
\$ 19,545.00	Total Sources of Funding

\$ 18,375.42 Total Spent as of September 30,2016

We anticipate this amount (and possibly double or even triple) in order to fully comment on the Critical Areas Ordinance Review. It is too early to know the cost implications ahead as we face uncertainties and realities of what we must do to continue to stand strong for agriculture.

Please contact me with all of your comments - whatever they may be.

Sincerely,
Debbie VanderVeen, President
Whatcom County Farm Bureau

WC Farm Bureau Comprehensive Plan and Critical Areas Ordinance Review Committee
Troy Lenssen, Chair
Jamie Gunst
Melodie Kirk

**DRAYTON WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 1**

SETTING THE 2017 ASSESSMENT RATE

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the DRAYTON Watershed Improvement District (“DRAYTON WID”) has approved its budget for the succeeding year, attached to this resolution as Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the budget consists of work items that will benefit the owners of assessed lands within the DRAYTON WID, and

WHEREAS, the DRAYTON WID must make assessments in proportion to the benefits accruing to the lands assessed, and

WHEREAS, the DRAYTON WID must conduct an assessment equalization process;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the DRAYTON WID establish a regular assessment for 2017 in the amount of \$ 6.00 per acre for all parcels exceeding 3 acres subject to the assessment within the boundaries of the District, and that said assessment shall be imposed and collected pursuant to the system of assessment established by Whatcom County and Chapter 87.03 RCW.

ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2016

EXHIBIT A
2017 BUDGET
DRAYTON WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Commissioner Insurance	\$2,691
Commissioner Elections, Annexations, etc.	\$1,000
TOTAL OPERATIONS	<u><u>\$3,691</u></u>
 <u>AG WATER BOARD</u>	
Legal - response to Lummi water right challenge, clarification of mitigation options, etc. Representation - State	\$8,191
Media Relations	\$4,095
Representation - Water Quality, CAO Advisory, Flood Mgt.	\$4,095
Admin/Representation - Water Supply - WRIA #1 Policy Board & Planning Unit, Water Supply Work Group, Lummi Negotiations	\$13,651
TOTAL AG WATER BOARD	<u><u>\$30,032</u></u>
 <u>PROJECTS</u>	
Ditch Maintenance	\$1,500
Deep Aquifer Project	\$7,087
Water Quality Monitoring/Projects	\$2,000
TOTAL PROJECTS	<u><u>\$10,587</u></u>
 TOTAL BUDGET	 <u><u>\$44,310</u></u>
 <u>INCOME</u>	
2017 Assessments @ \$6/acre	<u>\$44,310</u>
	<u><u>\$44,310</u></u>

**DRAYTON WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 2**

ESTABLISHING THE 2017 ASSESSMENT ROLL

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the DRAYTON Watershed Improvement District (“DRAYTON WID”) has approved the assessment roll for the succeeding year, attached as Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the DRAYTON WID has approved the assessment level by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the DRAYTON WID has prepared an Assessment Roll according to Chapter 87.03 RCW, and

WHEREAS, the DRAYTON WID has maintained a parcel list and reviewed and edited the list according to the criteria and boundaries established in the organization of the Irrigation District, and

WHEREAS, the DRAYTON WID will conduct an equalization process as required by Chapter 87.03. RCW;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the DRAYTON WID submit the attached list of parcels as the 2017 Assessment Roll.

ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2016

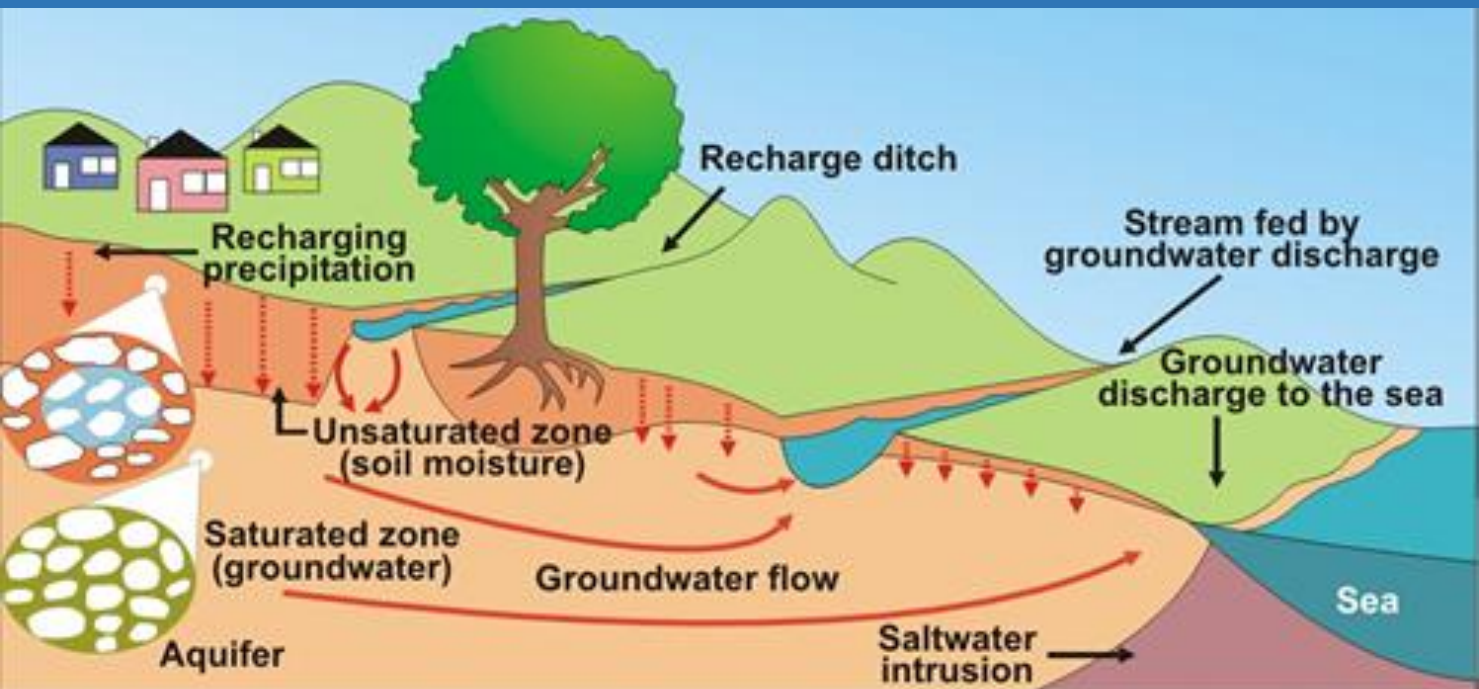
SPEAKER SERIES EVENT

Going Underground!

Presentations on Current WRIA 1 Groundwater Projects and Monitoring

October 19, 2016 • 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Bellingham Public Library, Lecture Room, 210 Central Ave., Bellingham



Join the WRIA 1 Management Team at a special meeting to hear the latest on groundwater studies, monitoring, and model development.

Presentations Include:

- *WRIA 1 Groundwater Model Development – Chuck Lindsay, Associated Earth Sciences*
- *Deep Aquifer Investigation (DOE Grant) – Dan Eisses, Birch Bay Water and Sewer District*
- *Sumas-Blaine Aquifer Ambient Groundwater Monitoring – Barb Carey, WA Dept. of Ecology*
- *Bertrand Watershed Improvement District Pilot Projects – Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board*