

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: November 16, 2021 Meeting, 3 pm

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Meeting ID: 868 9459 1890 Passcode: 342544

<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Rod Tjoelker	<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Scott James	<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Marty Maberry
<u>  </u> o <u>  </u> Jeb Miller	<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Greg Ebe	
<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Henry Bierlink	<u>  </u> Dale Buys	<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Fred Likkel
<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Dan Eisses	<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Katie Faber	<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Jay Chennault
<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Alan Chapman	<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Abbie Weaver	<u>  </u> David Haggith
<i>x = present</i>	<i>o = absent with notice</i>	<i>t = teleconference</i>

Rod opened the meeting at 3:02.

### 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.

Rod closed the Board of Equalization Hearing at 3:04.

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 19 Minutes
- b. Financial Report

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
D1121	Ag Water Board	November, December AWB	\$6,302.58
<b>TOTAL VOUCHER</b>			<b>\$6,302.58</b>

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

### II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Scott is elected to a 3 year term. Congratulations and Thanks!

### III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Solutions Table
  - County working with Jay and Maia anticipating an early 2022 start
  - Tribes will be there but their level of commitment to reach agreements in this setting is questioned. They insist adjudication is the priority for them.
- b. Project List - Surface to ground conversion candidates were reviewed from a list that AESI had developed. Surface rights were screened by volume, number of landowners who would have to be involved, value to flows and habitat, and likelihood of landowner interest in making the changes. Several priority candidates were identified. Jay will look into the legal complexities and some system design would be developed by the WID. We need to have a grant application developed by mid-December.
- c. Water Right acquisition candidates – a full list of surface and ground water rights with links to the current parcel owners was provided by AESI. The board will look for likely candidates in these lists that:
  - Are not fully using their water rights
  - May be locations where ag irrigation is not likely in the future
  - Are owned by entities not likely to vigorously defend their rights in an adjudication
 The board expects future meetings to address these candidates and a plan to offer the landowners options developed.

- d. North County Water Supply formation – Dan has not had enough feedback on the draft Interlocal Agreement. We expect to address this again in January along with a plan to introduce the goals of the group to the Tribes prior to having the agreement signed.
- e. Dakota Augmentation project – Jay outlined the progress to date on the project which expects to be implemented in August, 2022. Abbie with the Land Trust was brought up to date as their property is one of the augmentation sites.

**IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood**

- a. Flood Committee update – reflections on the effects of the current flooding. This may speed up project development in flood management.

**V. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – generally good. County is slow in posting new data and with Megan leaving the CD this may be an ongoing problem.
- b. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Fred noted there were some change in the Drayton. The Seymour’s are planning a floating bed that will give them more protection from the wq risks near the shore. Several Blaine citizens are engaging with the committee which is a positive development.
- c. Whatcom CD – Alan noted a new director is in place and there is a meeting next Monday that is open to the public. Replacements for Nicole and Megan will need to be identified.  
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=783a3f8325824c7c86e107a03010af3b>

**VI. Education/Communications**

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

**VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

Rod adjourned the meeting at 3:45. Next meetings are:  
December 21 – likely cancelled  
January 18

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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