

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 16, 2018 Meeting, 3pm – 5pm

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

Rod Tjoelker Scott James Marty Maberry
 Jeb Miller Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink Fred Likkel Chuck Lindsay
 Dan Eisses Steve Jilk Kasey Cykler
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of June 6 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

Scott moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Marty seconded, motion passed unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Board term expires for Scott – Marty nominated Scott for another 3 year term, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. 2019 Workplan & Budget
 - Resolution 2018-1 – Setting the 2019 Assessment Rate and Budget – Scott moved approval of Resolution 2018-1, Marty seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - Resolution 2018-2 – Adopting the 2019 Assessment Roll – Marty moved approval of Resolution 2018-2, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously
 - November 20th Board of Equalization

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 – two positions in Bertrand, one in Drayton, one in Laurel, two in North Lynden, one in South Lynden, and one 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 2019 Assessment Roll 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 12th, for Sumas at 1pm, November 13th, for South Lynden at 3pm, November 13th, for Laurel at 10am, November 12th, for North Lynden at 10am, November 20th, and for Drayton at 3pm, November 20th, all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 24th to November 12th.

Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.

Public Notice must be published in Lynden Tribune October 17, 24, 31

III. Water Supply

- a. Birch Bay Water and Sewer Deep Aquifer project - BBWS has a \$125k grant from Ecology and they are applying \$50k to better understand what they might be able to use the deep aquifer water for. WID board is interested but believes there will have to be a reasonable price established before farmers indicate real interest.
- b. Irrigation water needs study – Dan gave an overview of their proposal to the DWID to better understand the potential volume of water that might be sold to farmers either directly or as stream augmentation. Understanding farmers' current rights and needs is a high priority. There are 125 irrigation water rights in the Drayton WID. How many are being used and to what capacity?

IV. Ag Water Board

- a. AWB/Tribal meetings – Water Supply committee met with Nooksack Monday. Meeting with Lummi is still pending.
- b. Watershed Management Board and Planning Unit update
 - List of top mitigation for rural wells projects released – ag projects are at the top of the list.
 - Building support for AG priorities with other caucuses – hopefully resulting in letters of support for a grant application due this month.
- c. Ecology grant application – ag projects included:
 - Funds for farmers to transfer surface rights to groundwater
 - Funds for stream augmentation
 - Develops Credit for AG when implementing stream projects through a Water Bank/Exchange
 - Drainage Based Mgt – begin this fall/winter
 - Provides for inventory of ag rights and water needs.
 - Water conservation added.
 - PUD is open to administering the grant – AWB would be a sub-contractor.
- d. Research – a drip irrigation pilot on corn and grass was suggested.

V. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Ditch maintenance – no current projects – walking the creeks looking for areas that need attention this fall would be helpful when planning for projects in 2019.
- b. 5-year programmatic permit will be started soon with Frank Corey’s help.

VI. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Fred reported numbers all around the county were good.
- b. CAFO permit – the result of the PCHB process will be announced on Friday.
- c. DNA source tracking project report – CD looking for sampling sites, wildlife
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update

VII. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.draytonwid.com
- b. WID Newsletter – should go out in late October, early November. Needs a report from the WID on 2018 activities. Items mentioned were the Deep Aquifer project, quality monitoring, Nooksack meeting and their claims to Drayton Harbor shellfish.
- c. WFF – REAL campaign – Fred called attention to several media contacts and events and noted the Farmer Rally planned for November 8th.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

November 20

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____