

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: May 19, 2015, 2015 Meeting, 3pm – 5pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Rod Tjoelker Scott James Marty Maberry
 Jeff Bedlington Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink David Haggith _____ Katie Gaut
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of March 17 Minutes
- B. Financial Report

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Balance Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
Grant #2	\$0.00			\$0.00
Fund Balance @ 5/1/2015		\$11,898.58		
Accounts Receivable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$11,898.58
Outstanding bills:				\$2,448.95
Whatcom Farm Friends <i>April, Media Training, website</i>			\$467.95	
N3 <i>April Water Quality testing</i>				
Whatcom Farm Friends <i>Ag Water Board admin</i>				
N3 <i>Ag Water Board water quality</i>				
Clarke Law <i>Ag Water Board legal</i>				
Enduris <i>10 months Insurance</i>			\$1,981.00	
End of Month Balance				\$9,449.63

Rod moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Administrative

- Board per diems - Each board member present signed the waiver form.
- Contract for Water Quality/Drainage services – Rod moved to approve the N3 contract, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.

B. Ag Water District

- Legal - June 3rd group WID mtg. - AWB is planning an evening meeting on the 3rd to discuss the meeting with Lummi and the fall strategy session.
 - 1) Lummi proposed water negotiations – June 3rd. There was discussion over accepting the invitation should accept and if so with what terms. The CRM experience with Lummi pulling out caused dairy farmers to be reluctant to participate in a meeting without a neutral facilitator. But the majority felt that we should accept the invitation as offered. Who should go and what should be said was discussed. Consensus was to defer to the AWB to make those decisions.
 - 2) Prepare for a fall strategy session – with Bill Clarke – explain where we stand legally to better inform an overall AWB/WID strategy.
 - 3) May 21st, 3pm has been set for a special AWB meeting.
- Media relations

- 1) Agincourt ideas – defer to the AWB – see the work with Gerald being more focused on getting good stories about Ag and the WIDs disseminated. Crisis response more likely to come from the sector of ag facing the challenge.
 - 2) Relationship to the Dairy Fed contract – defend a specific industry – dairies are primarily responsible for addressing the fecal challenge.
 - 3) Gerald’s background in the Whatcom ag community and local presence were seen as strong attributes for helping us in these matters.
- Budget – AWB bills will be paid by rotating WIDs with year-end reconciliation

III. New Business

A. Ditch and Dike Maintenance

- identify sites for maintenance – none noted
- DID #7 (Pomeroy) - not connected yet

B. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results – seems to indicate that worst areas are not in the dairy areas.

C. Water Quantity

- Planning Unit debate on unpermitted uses will be held on Wednesday May 27th.

D. Update of WID Comprehensive Plan

- Grant application process
 - i. Strategy team – Aneka Sweeney, Joanne Greenberg, Katie Gaut, Frank Corey will be used to help develop the initial outline for the Plan.

E. Education

- Website www.draytonwid.com
- Demonstration of AWB storyboard capabilities by Katie Gaut. The WID provided feedback and suggestions. The intent is to see the draft link to the board members for additional feedback and hopefully have the package ready to be hosted on the AWB website by the first of June.

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

June 16

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Whatcom Farm Friends

Approved by _____