

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: May 31, 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 Chuck Lindsay
 Dan Eisses Aneka Sweeney David Haggith
 Mary Dumas Katie Penke Fred Likkel

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of April 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
Fund Balance @ 4/1/2016		\$11,991.96		
Prior Month Expenses		\$3,440.00		
Assessments Received		\$12,637.23		
Fund Balance @ 5/1/2016		\$21,189.19		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$21,189.19
Outstanding bills:				\$2,125.00
Ag Water Board	<i>April/May AWB</i>		\$2,125.00	
N3	<i>Water Quality testing</i>			
End of Month Balance				\$19,064.19

	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended to Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	26,012	5,125.00	20,887.00
Projects	12,000	0.00	12,000.00
Adm/Insurance	6,298	840.00	5,458.00
	38,012	5,965.00	38,345.00

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

II. Old Business

A. Ag Water Board report

- Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update – discussion still in progress
- AWB Articles and Bylaws completed and filed
- County Comprehensive Plan and Critical Area updates – comments on Comp Plan in cooperation with WFF and Farm Bureau, more comments coming on CAO. Henry was asked to forward these letters to the board.

I. New Business

A. Ditch & Dike Maintenance

- Ditch maintenance – decision to delay work on this issue.

B. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results – David reported that most samples were in good shape. Aneka reported on the monitoring and followup occurring with non-

commercial livestock operations in the Drayton watershed. Most of these focus areas are outside the WID boundaries but they have bearing on the harbor's water quality. There have been 63 parcels with livestock identified. 35 are currently working on or already have obtained updated farm plans. Another 7 are also addressing their issues. Aneka introduced Katie Penke who will be working for the WCD to help develop farm plans for those requesting these services.

- Septic inspections were also noted. Drayton has 3,300 septic systems. Most of these have been identified and are in compliance or getting there. It was noted how much an effect this could have on water quality numbers.
- Report on landowner contacts – David reported that Fred had discussed a questionable application with a dairy farmer. Seems it looked far worse than it actually was as the source was a very diluted lagoon. The farmer recognized that appearances matter.

C. Water Quantity

- Whatcom Water Supply Coalition
 - Working on a clear plan with goals, objectives, and actions
- Bureau of Reclamation Grant Application
 - Review of Water Rights and Needs for each WID –considered in the South Lynden WID, needs more clarity on water exchanges
 - Water Bank – part of the BOR and the Birch Bay Water District grant
- Deep Aquifer –
 - interlocal agreement with Birch Bay Water & Sewer – Greg moved to adopt the Interlocal Agreement as presented with Bill's edits, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - potential wells locations were discussed. Dan and Chuck outlined general areas where it would be interesting to explore. The Board identified three locations where it would recommend developing Phase 1 contracts with landowners. Priority considerations in determining these sites were 1) access to power, 2) proximity to creek (should augmentation be considered, 3) ease of access, and 4) potential to move water over predominately ag lands.
 - One of the sites is already being targeted for drilling. Bill will be asked to draft a Phase 2 contract that would be used to explore the issues needed to prepare for drilling an exploration well. Care should be taken to anticipate a Phase 3 contract where the well could be transformed into a production well should Phase 2 exploration prove attractive.
- Ag's Role in the developing Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for WRIA #1 Water Planning was discussed. It is clear there is no identified spot for the WIDs in the newly developed diagram. There is much unease over placing all our interests in the hands of other governments. Bill will be consulted to explore options that we could present to the Initiating Governments.

D. Education

- Review of Mapping Project – final report from County team – comments need to be returned by June 14th.
- Website www.draytonwid.com

IV. Adjournment/Next Meetings

June 21 was left as a potential but is likely to be cancelled. July 19 is the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____