

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: November 17, 2015 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
_____ Gary Stoyka _____ Steve Jilk _____ Kasey Cykler
 Heather MacKay _____ Joanne Greenberg _____ Fred Likkel
_____ Jim Bucknell _____ Aneka Sweeney David Haggith

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of October 20 Minutes
- B. Financial Report

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
Fund Balance @ 11/1/2015		\$11,249.15		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$11,249.15
Outstanding bills:				\$3,220.00
Whatcom Farm Friends	<i>September - October Admin</i>		\$720.00	
Agincourt Strategies LLC	<i>AWB Media Relations ¼ Dairy Fed.</i>		\$2,500.00	
End of Month Balance				\$8,029.15

	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>Expended to Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Insurance	2,600	4,622.00	-2,022.00
AWB	11,604	8,620.00	2,984.00
Projects	11,106	347.95	10,758.05
Administration	4,250	1,560.00	2,690.00
	29,560	15,149.95	14,410.05

Greg moved to approve the Consent agenda, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Administrative

- Scott is the only nominee for the expired term

NAME	Term Ends Dec 31,
MARTY MABERRY	2017
SCOTT JAMES	2018
GREG EBE	2016
JEFF BEDLINGTON	2017
RODNEY TJOELKER	2016

- Equalization issues in the Drayton WID will be heard at 3pm, December 15th. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 26th to November 27th.

B. Ag Water Board report

- Legal

- North Lynden WID decided to join in 2016.
- Interviews with potential litigators will be held soon. There is no solid plan to use them at this point but the AWB wants to be ready if defense of our mission and goals is necessary.
- The Environmental Insurance policy being offered at Guide Insurance was noted. If this proves useful it will have an impact on what the Legal Defense team does.
- Lummi Settlement Update – Farmers have sent a letter of response to the invitation and will be meeting with Lummi on their response soon.
- Media Relations
 - Herald columns – addressing water quality and the water tax proposal
 - CAFO Permit – 140 farmers attended the meeting with Ecology Director Maia Bellon.
- Financial

<u>WID</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Adm/W.</u>		<u>Legal</u>	<u>W.</u> <u>Qual/Dr.</u>	<u>Public</u> <u>Affairs</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>%</u>
		<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Qt.</u>							
Bertrand	24%	\$876	\$3,600	\$6,480	\$3,802	\$10,560	25,318	\$18,538.48	\$6,779.12	73.2%
S. Lynden	21%	\$767	\$3,150	\$5,670	\$3,326	\$9,240	22,153	\$16,620.00	\$5,532.90	75.0%
Drayton	11%	\$402	\$1,650	\$2,970	\$1,742	\$4,840	11,604	\$8,620.00	\$2,983.90	74.3%
Laurel	13%	\$475	\$1,950	\$3,510	\$2,059	\$5,720	13,714	\$9,934.91	\$3,778.79	72.4%
Sumas	31%	\$1,132	\$4,650	\$8,370	\$4,910	\$13,640	32,702	\$25,962.06	\$6,739.84	79.4%
		3,650	15,000	27,000	15,840	44,000	105,490	\$79,675.45	\$25,814.55	75.5%

III. New Business

A. Ditch and Dike Maintenance

- identify sites for maintenance – David will connect with Jeff Gollen at WC Public Works about attending the January board meeting.

B. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results are positive. We anticipate Drayton Harbor being opened to shellfish harvesting next spring.

C. Water Quantity

- Planning Unit – still meeting but County has no more support in the 2016 budget.
- Out of Stream Users Group – expected to have an initial group meeting in December.
- Drought Preparation application – Bill and Henry expect to submit to Ecology soon.

D. Update of WID Comprehensive Plan

- Puget Sound Partnership – Local Integrating Agency – Near Term Action list – Henry distributed an overview of a request for support for WID Plan development funding through the Puget Sound Partnership. This is an early draft of the scope and budget of the project.
- Comprehensive Plan Update – mapping project – Heather MK submitted a memo describing the opportunity for the WID to make use of some County grant dollars to do some mapping of the WID that could be used in the development of the WID Plan and in identifying areas where ag priorities and environmental priorities may provide opportunities for future projects. Agreeing with this proposal will require some board time at the December meeting and an agreement to get property owners involved when the priority mapping takes place in January/February. Greg moved to support the project, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.

E. Education –

- Letter to members – A draft of a letter explain the assessment rate increase was reviewed. Greg moved to send the letter as drafted, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Website www.draytonwid.com

F. Other Items from Commissioners

- Greg brought up the idea of doing more deep aquifer exploration in the western portion of the WID. Hydrogeologists sense that the deep aquifer there may be refreshed by the Fraser with abundant amounts of clean water. He wondered if the WID would be interested in applying for grant funds to pursue this idea. It could be a direct source of water or used as mitigation water for Dakota and California Creeks. Greg will arrange a meeting to discuss this will Chuck Lindsay and Birch Bay Water. Henry will check on the potential of drought relief funds for this.

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting – December 15

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Whatcom Farm Friends

Approved by _____