

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: February 15, 2022 Meeting, 3pm

Videoconference – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84189209184?pwd=ZktjUi9adStpb0NPMUkyZ3ppUnA0UT09>  
 Meeting ID: 841 8920 9184 Passcode: 663589

<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Rod Tjoelker	<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Scott James	<u>      </u> Marty Maberry
<u>  </u> x <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> Jay Chennault
<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Dan Eisses	<u>      </u> Katie Faber	<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Sherm Polinder
<u>      </u> Alan Chapman	<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Fred Likkel	<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.

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of January 18 Minutes
- b. Financial Report

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
D0222	Ag Water Board	January, February AWB	\$5,635.84
D0222	WA State Auditor	assessment audit	\$678.60
	<b>TOTAL VOUCHER</b>		<b>\$6,314.44</b>

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

### II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Water Supply Team update
  - Legal – Water Supply Team advocating for contract with legal team
  - Would focus on building alternatives to adjudication – federal, settlement options
  - Funds would come from the AWB legal reserve fund but more may be needed from each WID to fund the 2022 contract. The budget for additional \$30k was reviewed with the DWID contributing \$3,241 from its Project Fund. The board recognized this was a possibility at budgeting time and was Ok with making this transfer should the AWB make a formal request.
- b. Solutions Table
  - County working with Jay and Maia anticipating a March 2022 start
  - Linking with potential proviso supporting federal involvement in water mgt. (flood, supply, habitat)
  - Legislature seems amenable to expanding the scope of the Solutions Table and proving more funding.
- c. North County Interlocal – Dan – interest in expanding the agreement to include Nookack, Everson, and Sumas and including flood issues from Lynden. Bob Carmichael will look at redrafting the agreement. There is concern that flood issues might overwhelm the original intent of this agreement and that flooding was already being addressed in other venues while water supply in the north county is an unaddressed need.
- d. Deep Aquifer project – Dan and Jay are trying to arrange a meeting with Lummi and Ecology to determine the next step in putting deep aquifer water to use.
- e. Dakota Creek augmentation project update – Jay noted that Ecology was having difficulty processing the water right application for this project. This is befuddling as it is an Ecology funded project. There was some discussion about arranging a meeting with Ecology to determine what the issue actually is. If not resolved soon the project would have to be delayed until fall, 2023.

- f. Project List
  - Surface to ground conversion candidates – grant application submitted for \$8.5 million over 7 years. We expect it will be competitive and that we will hear by late summer.
- g. Water Right acquisition candidates
  - Determine who and how to contact will be on the March agenda

### **III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood**

- a. Flood response
  - Support for a media story with flood images and stories – Bertrand & Drayton agreed to add \$5k to the \$10k approved by the Sumas WID. Fred has been working with the Small Cities who are highly motivated towards action. He is seeking good contacts in BC to expand the discussion.
- b. Ditch maintenance
  - The Sumas WID is inviting Joel to attend a future meeting to brainstorm how we can help each other to address the drainage concerns caused by the flood. It was suggested to invite Joel and Whatcom County road dept. for the final 30 minutes of the Sumas March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and the first 30 minutes of the S Lynden WID. Other WIDs are invited to join this conversation.

### **IV. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – Fred reported low numbers.
- b. DNA testing - David has obtained a good set of samples that may be able to isolate the avian contribution to fecal numbers.
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – no update as sampling had not occurred during the flooding.

### **V. Education/Communications**

- a. Website – [www.draytonwid.com](http://www.draytonwid.com)
- b. AWB flyer and draft cover letter – 111 letters to be mailed. Final edits were made.
- c. Family Farmers Rally will be set in March or April once more clarity on the Water Supply Team legal contract is in place.

### **VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

Rod adjourned the meeting at 3:47. Next meeting is March 15.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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