

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: November 19, 2019 Meeting, 3pm – 5pm

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

Rod Tjoelker                       Scott James                       Marty Maberry  
 Jeb Miller                                 Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink                       Dave Buys                       Rick Metzger  
 Alan Chapman                       Fred Likkel                       David Haggith  
*x = present                                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference*

### Board of Equalization Hearing

Public has opportunity to contest Assessments. WID board must determine if petitioners provide clear evidence they would not receive value from WID actions equal to the Assessment amount. WID Board could vote to eliminate or reduce the assessment on individual parcels. Once completed the Regular Board Meeting commences.

Rod opened the Board of Equalization Hearing. No comments or protests were noted. Scott moved to close the hearing at 3:05, Greg seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 15 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*

Ag Water Board	Oct - Dec	\$7,487.28
Enduris	insurance	\$2,440.00
WA State Auditor	Audit	\$400.40
TOTAL - Month		\$10,327.68

Jeb moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Marty seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations - Greg and Rod are the only nominees. Congratulations! Oaths of Office will be administered at the next Board meeting.

#### III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Drainage Based Management pilot – Bertrand, South Fork and Drayton – meetings of technical committee begin this month, Tribes are both at the table in each pilot. The schedule has been drafted to complete these pilots by July. Future drainages will be considered based on the success of the pilots. The Water Supply committee of the AWB will be closely connected with Fred and Henry in this process. WID Boards will be updated each meeting and will solicited for feedback and advice.
- b. AWB Grant from Ecology - \$150k for 2 years – scope expected to be approved in November.
  - Develop Project Lists – surface to ground and augmentation potential sites
  - Implement 2 conversions, 1 augmentation project
- c. Deep Aquifer project – Henry noted that Dan reported that progress was being made on putting the two augmentation options discussed at the last meeting into a form that would be discussed with Ecology.

#### IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Ditch maintenance – Rick discussed a few projects that DID #7 was working on.
  - Beaver dam removal and mitigation on Valley View Rd. north of Bay Rd. The DID is short of funding to complete the mitigation work.
  - Atwood Road area
  - Surrounding the Grandview Industrial Park
 Rick will keep the Board informed at future meetings Henry will check how much overlap between DID #7 and the DWID boundaries.

## **V. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results
- b. DNA project – Fred and David were at a recent meeting where this was discussed. They had a sense there was progress but the idea remains in the research and development phase. Fred will get Kent to speak to a future WID meeting.
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Data is not supporting a lifting of the fall closure of the shellfish beds in Portage Bay. However, Drayton has another 765 acres of beds reopened. The board was invited to celebrate this fact at a Shellebration Event in Blaine December 13<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 pm.
- d. ZAPs – a question about the status of these devices led Meg to report that all have been terminated. They just couldn't make the needed adjustments to provide reliable data.

## **VI. Education/Communications**

- a. Website - [www.draytonwid.com](http://www.draytonwid.com)
- b. AWB Newsletter – a draft was reviewed for the January AWB newsletter.
- c. WFF – REAL campaign – Farmer Rally November 21

## **VII. Other Items from Commissioners**

- a. WCD Long Range Plan – Alan alerted the Board to discussions at the WCD about long-range funding of its programs. George has asked if the CD could have some time at the January or February WID meetings. WCD is considering asking for a Countywide property assessment to provide stability in funding its programs. They receive a small amount of support from the State. The large majority of its services are grant and contract funded. Options for funding include both a per parcel and an acreage assessment.
- b. CREP – Dave alerted the board to the high water demand of trees which may have some implications for decreasing flows. Each 1” diameter of trees removes 10/gal/day and trees near a stream will affect flow levels. This should be calculated into designs for CREP and other planting projects.

## **VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

December 17?

January 21

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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