

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: February 20, 2018 Meeting, 3pm – 5pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Rod Tjoelker                       Scott James                       Marty Maberry  
 Jeb Miller                               Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink                       Rick Metzger                       Chuck Lindsay  
 Dan Eisses                              \_\_\_\_\_ Steve Jilk                       Steve Russell  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Bucknell                      \_\_\_\_\_ Aneka Sweeney                       David Haggith

x = present                              o = absent with notice                              t = teleconference

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of January 16 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>1/1/2018</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>2/1/2018</u>	<u>ANNUAL TOTAL</u>
2017 Assessments Received		\$136.38		\$136.38
Fund Balance	\$34,796.66		\$28,056.33	
Beginning Year Balance			\$34,796.66	
Outstanding bills:				<b>\$3,574.16</b>
Ag Water Board	<i>Feb AWB</i>		<b>\$2,507.16</b>	
N3 Consulting	<i>wq monitoring</i>		<b>\$1,067.00</b>	
<b>End of Month Balance</b>				<b>\$24,482.17</b>
	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	30,086	5,014.32		25,071.68
Projects	11,290	1,067.00		10,223.00
Insurance/Adm	3,000			3,000.00
	<b>44,376</b>	<b>6,081.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>38,294.68</b>

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

### II. Administrative

- a. Review Priority Issue and Activity lists – The board adopted the following as the 2018 Action Priorities:
  1. Continue to work on deep water aquifer...move beyond just the exploration to provide affordable supply for farms or augmentation of streams.
  2. Continue to monitor water quality
  3. Work with farmers on legal avenues to move water around...spreading, piping, water bank, transfers.
  4. Public relations...support Family Farmers to provide factual information.
  5. Develop a 5-year Programmatic Drainage Permit and identify drainage projects.
  6. Improve our knowledge of both the paper water rights and the actual water use in the DWID.

### III. Ag Water Board

- a. Strategic Planning sessions – The Ag Water Board is focusing on crafting a clear set of positions conveying our perspectives on what needs to happen at the Watershed Management Board. The next meeting is set for February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- b. County response to water legislation
  1. Moratorium on accepting building permits has been lifted

2. Update watershed plan to address in-stream flow goals – advancing projects that enhance watershed health must be included in the Plan Addendum due in February, 2019.
3. Planning Unit as place for community discussion – The AWB has worked to rejuvenate the drainage seat on the Planning Unit. Fred will serve as lead backed up by Loren Vander Yacht and Jeff De Jong.
4. AWB’s place in Management Board has been made official. We are an “AD HOC” member.
- c. AWB “Next Steps” proposal is continuing to get internal feedback from the WIDs. The AWB has a goal of making this proposal public in later March.
  1. Vet with Lummi – AWB wants Lummi feedback before the ideas are presented to the public. How to best approach Lummi is being explored.
  2. Present as logical progression of the process they outlined in 2015 – a draft of our proposal indicating how it follows behind the ideas Lummi presented in 2015 was discussed.
- d. Foster Task Force pilot – the Bertrand was assumed to be the pilot project identified in the legislation. Questions about the option of Drayton applying for this were raised and discussed.
- e. Winter newsletter – The AWB newsletter is in final layout and should be out later this month.

#### **IV. Water Supply**

- a. Birch Bay Deep Aquifer Project – Dan brought a copy of the report and several copies of the Executive Summary. It appears there is a substantial amount of water available beyond the most optimistic 40 year projected growth numbers for Blaine and Birch Bay. The report examines potential pipeline routes and customers. The Phase II set of wells may be approved for an Ecology grant soon.

#### **V. Drainage/Habitat**

- a. Ditch maintenance – Frank Corey will begin working on a 5-year permit later this Spring. We will identify specific projects for work at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting or possibly in connection with a north county tour including the County and WDFW exploring potential projects in Fishtrap, Bertrand, and Drayton.

#### **VI. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – David reported most sites were clean. There was discussion of high counts on the Delta Line road.
- b. ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – Double Ditch site is operational.
- c. South Lynden source tracking project report – Ryan and Kent of Exact Scientific gave an initial report of their findings on the Scott Ditch project to the South Lynden WID. They will have results of the whole water sampling soon. The results to-date were interesting to review and try to understand. It adds to the repository of information that is needed to better manage the watershed.
- d. Future DNA work - Henry noted the State budget has \$125k devoted to this type of work. The Conservation Commission will have to go through a RFP process to distribute it.

#### **VII. Education/Communications**

- a. Website - [www.draytonwid.com](http://www.draytonwid.com)
- b. E-Newsletter – still an idea. Needs content and a list of emails.

#### **VIII. Other Items from Commissioners**

- a. Rick encouraged the DWID to look for good habitat projects that would help fish, get more community involvement, and become a mitigation bank for future drainage projects.

#### **IX. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

March 20

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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