

Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 19, 2024

Attendees

“(t)” indicates presence via tele-conference, “(p)” indicates proxy vote.

Board – Present	Board – Absent with Notice
Marty Maberry (t) Rod Tjoelker (t) Scott James (t)	Jeb Miller Greg Ebe

Staff and Consultants	
Name	Organization / Affiliation
Gavin Willis	Ag Water Board
Jay Chennault (t)	AESI
Cynthia May (t)	Whatcom Conservation District

Other Guests	
Name	Organization / Affiliation
Dan Eisses (t)	BBWSD

Proceedings

Rod called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

1. Board of Equalization

- a. Rod opened the board of equalization.
- b. No one was present to contest their assessments.
- c. Scott moved to close board of equalization. Marty seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda was reviewed.
- b. Minutes from October 15 meeting were reviewed.
- c. Financial reports were reviewed.
- d. Voucher D.Gen.1024 in the amount of \$8,564.00 was reviewed.
- e. Marty moved to approve the consent agenda. Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Administration

- a. Congratulations to Scott on being elected for a new 3-year term.

4. Ag Water Board / Water Supply

- a. Gavin provided an update on adjudication. Claims reopening idea was presented to ECY, their feedback was lukewarm at best.
 - i. Next hearing is scheduled for Dec 3. Expectation is that the judge will approve the claims form and direct ECY to issue the summons in early 2025, leading to a May 2026 filing deadline.
 - ii. Water rights office hours sessions are still available on December 6th.

5. Drainage / Habitat / Flood

- a. Jay provided an update on the augmentation project. RH2 has been selected as the CRP contractor. Scope of work meeting with ECY staff, Gavin, and Andy will occur in the next few weeks. Gavin noted that ECY has been strangely insistent on Jay not attending that meeting.

6. Water Quality

- a. Cynthia provided a WQ update
 - i. High counts throughout watershed on Oct 22nd following significant rain event. Nov 14 also had some elevated counts following >1" of rain in prior 24 hours. Generally areas of concern in the watershed are outside of the WID boundaries.
 - ii. Some high counts showed up in the Drayton marine sites, but the shellfish beds were in emergency closure at that point due to >2" of rain in 24 hours, so those counts won't be included in the long-term averages.

7. Education / Communications

- a. Gavin noted that WFF farmer rally is tomorrow evening at 4:30pm.

8. Next Meeting

- a. The next scheduled meeting dates are December 17 and January 21.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

Submitted by Gavin Willis, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____