

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 18, 2025

## Attendees

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

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

Staff and Consultants	
Name	Organization / Affiliation
Tania Grim	Ag Water Board
Gavin Willis	Ag Water Board
Jay Chennault (t)	AESI
Fred Likkel	Whatcom Family Farmers
Cynthia May (t)	Whatcom Conservation District
Deanna Kangas	Whatcom Family Farmers

## Proceedings

Lynden Christian High School FFA team presented on foreign ownership of US farmland.

Meeting called to order at 3:29

### 1. Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda was reviewed
- b. Minutes from January 21 meeting were reviewed.
- c. Financial report was reviewed.
- d. Voucher D-Gen-0225 in the amount of \$4,995.84 was reviewed.
- e. Jeb moved to approve the consent agenda. Scott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### 2. Administration

- a. Scott signed Oath of Office.

### 3. Ag Water Board / Water Supply

- a. Gavin gave an adjudication update.
  - i. March/April summons will go out.
  - ii. SB 5212, which would allow pre-code water users without a statement of claim to file in the adjudication, was passed through senate unanimously.
- b. Whatcom Family Famers is continuing to work on public outreach pushing for settlement talks.
  - i. Fred noted there will be a water rights event on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Fred and Gavin met with WSDA leadership to discuss how the state might support settlement discussions.

#### **4. Drainage / Habitat / Flood**

- a. Scott noted beaver issues. Gavin will have Otis call him.
- b. Fred shared concerns with the county's recent approach to roadside ditch maintenance.

#### **5. Water Quality**

- a. Cynthia gave update on water quality. Good results across the board except for one site on California Creek that is outside of the WID boundary.

#### **6. Education / Communications**

- a. Gavin provided OPMA training to Jeb and Rod.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

- a. Next scheduled meeting is for March 18.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:59pm.

Submitted by Gavin Willis, Ag Water Board

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

