

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 18, 2025 3:00pm

## Attendees

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

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

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

Other Guests	
Name	Organization / Affiliation
Alan Chapman (t)	Whatcom Conservation District

## Proceedings

Rod called meeting to order at 3:00pm.

### 1. Consent Agenda

- a. The agenda was reviewed.
- b. Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed.
- c. The financial report was reviewed.
- d. Voucher D.Gen.0325 in the amount of 6383.84 was reviewed.
- e. Greg moved to approve the consent agenda. Jeb seconded. Motion carried forward unanimously.

### 2. Ag Water Board / Water Supply

- a. Gavin gave an adjudication update
  - i. SB5212, which will allow pre-code water users without statement of claim to file in the adjudication, went through the senate unanimously. Had a hearing in the House Ag and Natural Resources Committee last week.
  - ii. Summons started going out on Monday. The goal is everyone in the adjudication will receive their summons by May 1. One delivery attempt will be made. If not successful, property owner will have to pick up summons from post office. If this is unsuccessful, pick up will be at Ecology. Followed by public notice once the above have all been exhausted.

- iii. Bill is setting up a meeting with the Director of Ecology to discuss potential settlement options.
  - iv. Judge appears likely to issue a stay in any motions until after all claims forms are in to make sure everyone will receive notice and have an opportunity to participate.
  - v. The filing for each claim in the adjudication will be \$25, with an additional \$1 fee for online submissions.
- b. Water rights office hours are available for sign up-up on Ag Water Board website April 17 and May 7.
  - c. A short clip on King 5 news highlighted water rights adjudication.

### **3. Drainage / Habitat / Flood**

- a. Ditch spray maintenance was discussed.
- b. Gavin and Jay gave an update on the augmentation project. Cost reimbursement processing for the water rights application is underway.
  - i. The exact location of the upstream discharge point was discussed, and a board member provided clarity on the location.
- c. Beaver trapping in the works. Gavin will call Otis.

### **4. Water Quality**

- a. Cynthia gave a water quality update.
  - i. Low counts but moderately elevated at Brown rd. No elevated counts inside the WID boundaries.

### **5. Education / Communications**

- a. Water rights event that was to be held later this month is cancelled.

### **6. Other**

- a. Gavin shared information from the Whatcom Conservation District regarding the replacement of AgWeatherNET stations.
  - i. Jay noted that this data is particularly valuable for water rights change applications.

### **7. Next Meeting**

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for April 15 at 3pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm

Submitted by Gavin Willis, Ag Water Board

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

