

**Laurel Watershed Improvement District**  
**Minutes for: September 9, 2019 Meeting, 10 am - noon**  
Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

<u>  x  </u> Leroy Plagerman	<u>  x  </u> Roger Blok	<u>  o  </u> Jon Maberry
<u>  o  </u> Rich Appel	<u>  x  </u> Mike Boxx	
<u>  x  </u> Henry Bierlink	<u>  x  </u> Fred Likkel	<u>  x  </u> Hank Kastner
<u>      </u> Bob Seaman	<u>  x  </u> Bob McWhoter	<u>      </u>

*x = present*                      *o = absent with notice*                      *t = teleconference*

**I. Consent Agenda**

- a. Review and Approval of June 10 Minutes
- b. Financial Report – *see financial report in board packet*
- c. The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Bills for Payment:

Ag Water Board            July - September AWB            **\$8,532.33**

Leroy moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**II. Administrative**

- a. Potential annexations – Henry noted that any parcels that might be included in next years’ assessment roll should be identified before the October meeting.
- b. 2020 workplan, budget discussion – Leroy and Roger will need to renominated. We will publicize the opportunity for other nominations. There haven’t been any projects funded as of yet from the FY 19 budget.

**III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply**

- a. Drainage Based Management (DBM) – initiated as a subset of the Water Supply Plan facilitated by the PUD – Drayton and Bertrand are primed to begin as there is funding from grants managed by the PUD and Birch Bay Water and Sewer. Meeting with Tribes later September to formalize which pilots are advanced. Work on identifying the technical participants for each pilot will follow.
- b. Streamflow Restoration Grant – \$150k available this fall for advancing projects described in the grant application – surface to ground conversions and augmentation. Some funds to advance DBM as a means to identify these projects.
- c. Drought Response Plan – grant opportunity for more funding of water banks, transfers, etc.
- d. Shared Waters, Challenges, and Solutions – forum on latest developments in local water negotiations – 6pm, September 19<sup>th</sup> – partially sponsored by AWB

**IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood**

- a. Update on Floodplains by Design discussions and potential projects – Fred has a meeting tomorrow where future projects will be discussed. The forward movement on water supply and Drainage Based Management provides some incentive to move forward with ag/flood projects.
- b. Drainage projects – The area around Green Lake will be explored with a proposal for 2020 work. The Four Mile plantings all died. Shannon Moore with NSEA is developing a proposal for replanting.

**V. Water Quality**

- a. Ten Mile Project report – Bob and Hank noted some poor samples in August. Low flows, and stagnate waters may be a contributor. They look forward to the September samples to see improvements.
- b. Monitoring Results – County testing remains pretty good in the Laurel area.

- c. Fall letter to landowners – Fred drafted a letter to landowners in the Laurel WID. The Board approved sending it out. It will be placed on the Laurel website once it is sent as well.
- d. ZAP/DNA – questions about the utility of the ZAP units and progress on the DNA work were received and discussed. ZAPs have not proven to be reliable yet but remain a work in progress. Fred was more optimistic about the DNA work.

**VI. Education/Communications**

- a. Website - [www.laurelwid.com](http://www.laurelwid.com)

**VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

October 14

November 11

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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