

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: January 9, 2017 Meeting, 10 am - noon

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leroy Plagerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Blok	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Maberry
<input type="checkbox"/> Rich Appel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Boxx	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Bierlink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Likkel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hank Kastner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Leurkins	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Jilk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Haggith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Ross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Sundstrom	<input type="checkbox"/> Kasey Cykler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Seaman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob McWhoter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lee First

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of November 14 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1				
2017 Assessments Received		\$0.00		
Fund Balance 12/1/2016		\$30,005.88		
Fund Balance 1/1/2017		\$30,092.25		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$30,092.25
Outstanding bills:				\$6,423.57
Ag Water Board <i>Jan AWB Admin</i>			\$2,815.17	
Ag Water Board <i>Dec AWB Admin</i>			\$2,312.40	
N3 <i>2016 Water Quality testing</i>			\$1,296.00	
End of Month Balance				\$23,668.68
	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
AWB	33,782	2,815.17	30,966.83	
Projects	12,369		12,369.00	
Insurance/Adm	3,691		3,691.00	
	49,842	2,815.17	47,026.83	

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

II. Old Business

- A. Ag Water Board report

- Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update – Fred summarized the work leading towards the Portage Bay Partnership Agreement and answered questions about what it contained and what it may mean for other farmers. It is a Phased agreement with deadlines included. It builds on a growing relationship between Lummi and the dairy farmers that negotiated the agreement. The funds provided and being sought are targeted for 1) shellfish harvester relief, 2) enhancement of shellfish beds, and 3) public awareness.

IV. New Business

A. Ditch & Dike Maintenance

- Ditch maintenance – discussions with County and WDFW will continue at the North Lynden WID meeting next Tuesday. The Fourmile DID is implementing a plan in conjunction with CREP to address the area upstream from the Guide.
- Programmatic Drainage Permits - WCD Grant application was not approved. A discussion with the Conservation District and Frank Corey is needed to see how a plan for identifying what ditches need attention, who is responsible for them, what permits are needed, and when work should occur.
- The need for a Drainage Plan called attention to the need for a full Comprehensive Plan for the Laurel WID. A proposal for planning is being considered for the Sumas and South Lynden WIDs. That idea was briefly reviewed and suggested to be placed on the February agenda.

B. Water Quality

- Ten Mile group report – a proposal to revise the sampling agreement between the WID and the Ten Mile group was discussed. The board agreed with the revised direction. The Ten Mile project no longer has funds for E Coli testing of their samples. The LWID will determine next month if they want to pick up this cost.
- Water quality testing results – David reported that most numbers are good.
- Chris provided an Ecology update. They have made 25 contacts in the Ten Mile drainage with generally good responses.
- ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – David noted there has been abnormally high counts when the turbidity is high. There hasn't been enough actual lab testing to correlate but the one that was done revealed a lab test of 37 when the ZAP was indicating over 1,000.
- Exact Scientific – source tracking technology – machine is purchased, seeking funding to calibrate with local sources.
- Report on landowner contacts – Mike has talked to neighbors about allowing access for water quality monitoring.

C. Water Quantity

- Water Supply Strategy draft - Henry reviewed a draft statement of goals and objectives that reflected the work that has been done over the years. The penalty to George Sandhu calls attention to the need to have tools developed and working that farmers in his situation can use to become legal in their water use. The draft is to invite comments and edits for consideration by the Ag Water Board.

D. Education

- WSU Water Workshop sponsor request – Leroy moved to sponsor the event with \$100, Jon seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- WCD Speaker Series – Laurel program on January 19th – Mike will attend.
- Website www.laurelwid.com

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

February 13

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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