

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: November 9, 2020 Meeting, 10 am

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 842 3953 2687 Passcode: 792245

<u> x </u> Leroy Plagerman	<u> x </u> Roger Blok	<u> t </u> Jon Maberry
<u> x </u> Rich Appel	<u> x </u> Mike Boxx	
<u> x </u> Henry Bierlink	<u> x </u> Fred Likkel	<u> t </u> Atul Deshmane
<u> t </u> Alan Chapman	<u> </u> Eric Sundstrom	<u> </u> Kasey Cykler

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

Board of Equalization Hearing

Public has opportunity to contest Assessments. WID board must determine if petitioners provide clear evidence they would not receive value from WID actions equal to the Assessment amount. WID Board could vote to eliminate or reduce the assessment on individual parcels. Once completed the Regular Board Meeting commences.

Mike opened the hearing at 10:01, upon hearing from no petitioners Jon moved to close the hearing, Rich seconded, motion carried unanimously.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 12 Minutes
- b. Financial Report

Jon moved to approved the Consent Agenda, Rich seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Mike and Rich are elected to a 3 year term. Congratulations and Thanks!

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Plan for Legislative education is being coordinated by Bill Clarke with the lobbyists and leaders in Olympia. Family Farmers sent an Update to all farmers and held a meeting with the East Indian community to update them on this issue as well.
 - Atul spoke for the PUD’s perspective on adjudication. They do not favor it but are keeping an open door to it. Alan reported from the WCD. They are asking if there is a place where they can provide technical or financial assistance to farmers facing an adjudication.
- b. County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Expect to have the Watershed Management Board approve the workplan December 17th, Initial feedback has been positive.
 - AWB position remains the need to sideline adjudication in lieu of work on the settlement negotiations. Others think they can proceed together.
 - Lummi convening a Tribal/AWB meeting – date is set for December 10th. Logistics are being arranged.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Ditch maintenance – Roger noted that DID #3 is targeting the stretch of Fourmile east of the Hannegan for cleanout next summer.
- b. Beaver trapping – Pete Smit will do some trapping but needs clear direction on where and when and how to bill. Board felt that other options should be pursued as well. Fred will check with the WCD about the list of approved trappers.
- c. Flood Committee update – still have Cougar Creek tidegate on the project list.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – recent data indicates the numbers are quite good
- b. Ten Mile project report – no report
- c. DNA project – Avian project initiated by WCD as they are collecting bird droppings
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.laurelwid.com
- b. AWB Facebook page – Fred noted that WFF would be helping to use the website and Facebook page for LWID to communicate with farmers and the public.

VII. Other Items from Commissioners

- a. Shorelines Management Program – Jon noted the County is working on an update to the current SMP and has dumped 500+ pages on the Planning Commission. He would welcome some help on this. David Haggith was suggested.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Mike adjourned the meeting at 12:29. Next meetings are:
December 14 – likely cancelled
January 11

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____