

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: January 10, 2021 Meeting, 10 am

Videoconference – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83321801371?pwd=MmtjV1JhQ1FLTHF3Y2lwWHU2RzdjQT09>
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x = present *o = absent with notice* *t = teleconference*

Mike called the meeting to order at 10:09.

I. Consent Agenda

- Review and Approval of December 13 Minutes
- Financial Report – reviewed. No expenses this month.

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

II. Administrative

- Oath of Office – Jon will be sworn in and record delivered to County.
- Public Records, Open Public Meetings review – Henry reviewed a memo from Bill outlining the laws applying to WID and AWB meetings and actions. Open Public Meetings and Public Records rules are areas where board members need to stay well aware of.

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- Solutions Table
 - County working with Jay and Maia anticipating an early 2022 start
 - Potential proviso supporting federal involvement in water mgt. – AWB team is working with Legislators and partners to advance this idea in both the Legislature and at the Solutions Table.
- Project List
 - Surface to ground conversion candidates – grant application is being prepared.
- Water Right acquisition candidates
 - Reviewed the surface water right list (51). Intend to address groundwater rights in upcoming meetings. Placing all rights in one of three categories:
 - Clearly will be defended
 - Likely defended but nudge needed
 - Unsure, susceptible to being lost

Determine who and how to contact once this list is completed. It was mentioned that Ecology has a responsibility to do education surrounding the upcoming adjudication and that we should make sure Ecology does this so farmers don't hear only from us.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- Flood response - Sumas WID decision to develop a media story with flood images and stories was discussed. Discussion over who best to help connect with. Other WIDs are supportive but haven't designated financial support. Unclear what can and will happen next.
- Ditch maintenance
 - Spot cleaning in Fourmile was discussed.
 - DID #4 is considering some cleaning. May request use of our HPA. Frank is helping.
 - Ten Mile at Pole Road has a compressed culvert.

- c. WCD Update – Frank is more available to help on drainage and other projects. He’s figuring on working on the Cougar Creek tidegate.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Fred had not seen an update.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.laurelwid.com
- b. AWB flyer and draft cover letter – reviewed and a second version will be sent to the board in a few weeks. We hope to have a final version prepared before the February board meeting and a letter sent to landowners mid-February. Including more about what we are doing about adjudication and highlighting the upcoming Farmer Rally. Including board phone numbers was suggested.
- c. Family Farmers Rally – Fred noted the date is likely in late February or March and expects to be a place where farmers can become informed about opportunities for help with an adjudication, drainage, and flood management.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Mike adjourned the meeting at 10:49. Next meeting is February 14.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____