

Laurel Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: March 8, 2021 Meeting, 10 am

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 899 6679 7924 Passcode: 888677

<input type="checkbox"/> Leroy Plagerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Blok	<input type="checkbox"/> Jon Maberry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Appel	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Boxx	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Bierlink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Likkel	<input type="checkbox"/> Hank Kastner
<input type="checkbox"/> Alan Chapman	<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Sundstrom	<input type="checkbox"/> Kasey Cykler

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

VP Rich called the meeting to order at 10:04.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of February 8 Minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
L0321	Ag Water Board	March - April AWB	\$7,110.17
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$7,110.17

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

II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Legislature – considering Gov’s request and a version of the budget proviso we helped to develop that doesn’t assume we are on a clear path to an adjudication.
 - County Executive proposal – not progressing until after the Legislative session as Tribes won’t commit to it unless an adjudication path is advancing.
 - Cascadia Policy Solutions - Maia, Jay – engaged by County, hoping they can bring some sanity to whatever direction the Legislature provides.
- b. Watershed Management Board projects
 - Drainage Based Management – outline provided – a good start with good participation.
 - Regional Water Supply Plan – data collection and analysis phase completed. Evaluating management options.
- c. Other WID projects with supply implications
 - S Lyn – PUD pipeline, Lynden MAR, Bellingham Middle Fork
 - Drayton – Deep Aquifer, Water Bank, augmentation
 - Bertrand – Jon asked if a recirculation system had been explored where water would be pumped from the mouth to the source continually when needed.

III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Ditch maintenance
 - DID #3 – Fourmile east of Hannegan – Roger has alerted the DID to the conditions of using our HPA permit. Henry will send a copy of how the other WIDs have approved the use of our HPA and Land Disturbance permits.
- b. Beaver trapping – Pete is still being used by the WCD.
- c. Flood Committee update – Fred noted the planning for future flood work is slowed as a result of the impasse over movement towards adjudication. The opportunity to reengage is likely in the context of the Drainage Based Management process.

IV. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – results are OK

- b. DNA project – Avian project – remains slowed although some analysis has occurred. Ryan has relocated to PA but is still working on this. Expected results within 3 months.
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Fred reviewed the maps and data from Portage Bay. A clear decline in the numbers overall which may be attributed to taking samples at high runoff events. Further closures are possible. The likelihood of fall openings are increasingly unlikely.
- d. Report on landowner contacts
 - Mike had tried to connect with the Hemmi Rd. farm
 - Alan altered the board to a concern upstream on TenMile Creek. This farm is not in the WID but it is the headwaters area of TenMile Creek which affects our WID.

V. Education/Communications

- a. Review of Website, project list to be updated – www.Laurelwid.com
 - Reference to legal strategy
 - Tidegates
 - Communication through WFF newsletters
 - Beaver control

VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Mike adjourned the meeting at 11:02. Next meeting is April 12

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____