

# Laurel Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: February 8, 2021 Meeting, 10 am

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 879 5825 9629 Passcode: 888894

<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Leroy Plagerman	<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Roger Blok	<u>  </u> o <u>  </u> Jon Maberry
<u>  </u> o <u>  </u> Rich Appel	<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Mike Boxx	
<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Henry Bierlink	<u>  </u> Fred Likkel	<u>  </u> Hank Kastner
<u>  </u> David Haggith	<u>  </u> Meg Harris	<u>  </u> Aneka Sweeney
<u>  </u> Alan Chapman	<u>  </u> Eric Sundstrom	<u>  </u> Kasey Cykler
<u>  </u> Bob Seaman	<u>  </u> Bob McWhoter	

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

Mike opened the meeting at 10:05.

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of November 9, 2020 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>
L0221	Ag Water Board	January - February AWB	\$7,110.17
		<b>TOTAL VOUCHER</b>	<b>\$7,110.17</b>

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

### II. Administrative

- a. Oath of Office – Mike and Rich were sworn into another three year term.
- b. Officer election – President and VP/Secretary - Roger moved to keep Mike as President and AWB representative and Rich as VP/Sect., Leroy seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
  - Legislative education is continuing – a budget proviso that would approve funding for both pre-adjudication work and the County collaborative process is developing. It currently prohibits Ecology from filing for adjudication until 2023.
  - Response to tribal meeting – A general feeling of progress in the December meeting with tribes but no response as of yet to our followup letter.
- b. County Executive proposal
  - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
  - Watershed Management Board discussing approval of the workplan Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Cascadia Policy Solutions - Maia, Jay – engaged by County to guide this

### IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Ditch maintenance
  - DID #3 – Fourmile east of Hannegan – a plan is developing and they will likely ask for WID partnership in the upcoming months.
- b. Beaver trapping – approved trappers, Sumas WID efforts were discussed which is a more proactive approach to tracking beaver damage and trapping.

### V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – unaware of any significant issues
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated and progressing. Exact has been challenged to get all the needed supplies for the project due to COVID.

- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – the numbers have not been encouraging in large part to the timing of the tests (immediately after large rain events). There may be an additional month of fall closure.
- d. Report on landowner contacts – One farm was discussed and both Mike and Leroy are willing to visit and encourage additional compliance with water quality regulations.

**VI. Education/Communications**

- a. Website – [www.Laurelwid.com](http://www.Laurelwid.com)
- b. Conservation District board election – the request for a ballot is due today.

**VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

Mike adjourned the meeting at 11:02. Next meeting is March 8

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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