

Laurel Watershed Improvement District
Minutes for: November 13, 2017 Meeting, 10 am - noon
Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

 o Leroy Plagerman x Roger Blok o Jon Maberry
 x Rich Appel x Mike Boxx

 x Henry Bierlink x Fred Likkel x Hank Kastner
 David Haggith Meg Harris Aneka Sweeney
 Andy Ross x Eric Sundstrom Kasey Cykler
 Bob Seaman x Bob McWhoter Lee First

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 meeting as the Board of Equalization. With no objections to the Assessment Roll Rich moved to close, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously. Mike then opened the regular meeting.

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of October 9 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>10/1/2017</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>11/1/2017</u>	<u>ANNUAL TOTAL</u>
2017 Assessments Received		\$12,662.01		\$43,306.85
Fund Balance	\$27,442.45		\$34,474.12	
Beginning Year Balance			\$25,929.83	
Outstanding bills:				\$5,630.34
Ag Water Board	<i>Nov, Dec AWB Admin</i>		\$5,630.34	
N3	<i>Water Quality testing</i>		\$0.00	
End of Month Balance				\$28,843.78
	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	33,782	33,782.04		-0.04
Projects	12,369	3,616.00	\$3,000.00	5,753.00
Insurance/Adm	3,691	2,994.86		696.14
	49,842	40,392.90	\$3,000.00	6,449.10

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

II. Administrative

- A. Review Priority Issue and Activity lists – Develop 2018 Action priorities

Priorities	2017 Action Priorities	Notes/Actions
1. Water rights	Support the AWB for efforts in legal negotiation and lobbying	
	Provide education about water rights to WID members, consider a workshop	Illustrate who is doing what to address water supply issues.
2. Drainage	Develop a 5 year plan for drainage	Ask Frank when he could help develop a Laurel plan

3. Water quality	Set up the DNA testing for water quality	Look to S Lynden WID to lead.
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The board will look over the 2017 priorities and suggest changes for 2018 at the next meeting.

III. Water Supply

- A. Water Supply Work Group report
 - Review and discuss “Next Steps” draft
 - Support from State via \$450k budget request
 - Supported by the Planning Unit
 - Support via Dec. 13th Water Supply symposium

The Board spent a significant time understanding the background and direction of the AWB’s next step proposal. This is being discussed at all the WIDs this month in preparation for the December 20th AWB meeting. There was support for the AWB leading with a proposal to the other water users but details still need to be addressed. The risk of pushing this drainage based implementation plan was weighed against no action and hoping that enforcement would never occur. The Board suggested a wider discussion of farmers lead by the AWB water supply committee in December. Possibly in lieu of December WID meetings.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- A. Ditch maintenance
 - DID #3 (Fourmile) mitigation plan – 4200’ was cleaned, getting rid of the willows is a portion of the mitigation. The LWID will be looked to for help this spring.
 - Deer Creek near Chasteen Road – work in that area has complicated the drainage. No easy solution. It must be part of an entire Ten Mile drainage plan which we expect Frank to help us with soon.

V. Water Quality

- A. Ten Mile Group – showed updated monitoring data. 9 out of 10 sites are improving.
- B. WCD’s Tenmile watershed assessment – no report
- C. South Lynden source tracking project – slow progress. No report yet. This was contrasted to the recent EPA/Lummi DNA study in Portage Bay. Initial data indicates that 83% of the fecal was non-traceable. No bovine showed up.

VI. Education/Communications

- A. Website - www.laurelwid.com
- B. Water Supply Symposium – Dec. 13th
- C. E-Newsletter – Henry encouraged the board to send pictures that they could incorporate into an e-newsletter. He and Fred would continue working on an email database.

VII. Ag Water Board

- A. Winter newsletter will come out in January
- B. Portage Bay Partnership update – no new developments.
- C. An AWB Board meeting is scheduled for December 20th.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

December 11 – may be cancelled if agenda is not demanding.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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