

Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: May 3, 2021 Meeting, 2pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 812 3000 6603 Passcode: 618960

Vern VandeGarde Scott Bedlington Mike Schoneveld
 Pete Vlas Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink Dale Buys Fred Likkel
 Mark Sandal Atul Deshmane Steve Banham
 Brad Rader Dale Rutgers Alan Chapman
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

Vern called the meeting to order at 2:03.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of March 8 and April 12 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>
B0521	Ag Water Board	May, June AWB	\$12,811.50
B0521	Vern VandeGarde	per diem	\$128.00
B0521	Reichhardt & Ebe	Duffner tidegate	\$6,480.42
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$19,419.92

Henry reviewed the minutes and the financial report. The Duffner Tidegate accounting was also reviewed. Mike and Scott noted the Drainage and Diking Districts had approved adding an additional \$10k to their previous \$10k commitment. Henry reported the transfers from these accounts had not yet been received. Scott moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Mike seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Duffner Tidegate project
 - a. Cost and budget review – Dale reported the project was on course. Mike and Scott should be receiving Stremlers timeline shortly.
- b. Lynden stormwater
 - a. West Lynden development – Steve outlined the issues facing the City as it seeks to further develop the West Lynden Industrial Area (both existing City Limits and Urban Growth Area-UGA). The stormwater in this area is split with some draining into the Bertrand basin (west) and some going into the Duffner basin (south). The City is looking for regional solutions similar to what was done with the City’s West Lynden Pond but potentially further west. There are no simple solutions to the challenge of moving more water through the existing systems, but regional solutions provide for more effective use of the Industrial land
 - b. Relationship to BWID – the Duffner system is at capacity during high runoff events. The Bertrand tributary (Mouw Ditch) just north of Birch Bay – Lynden Road can handle some more water but not all the potential stormwater. The possibility of making improvements to the Mouw ditch on Matt Maberry’s property were briefly. City will plan to follow-up with Matt.
 - c. Pepin Creek implications – diverting water north of Lynden from Pepin Creek has also been considered and the City’s current Pepin Lite plans divert water to the south of historic location where water comes out of the ditch on high flow events and travels west to the Guide and ultimately into Duffner. WSDOT is

planning to replace the Duffner tributary culverts on Badger and the Guide in the next several years which will only complicate matters. The City has written a letter to WSDOT expressing concerns specifically about the Double Ditch culvert replacement because of concerns about downstream impacts.

- d. Next Steps – No easy answers are on the table. But all agreed it requires comprehensive drainage planning for the entire area. Steve noted that if a plan is developed addressing all the needs there are decent chances of getting public infrastructure investment support. But a plan needs to be developed. An Interlocal Agreement to develop such a plan including the Bertrand and North Lynden WIDs, the City of Lynden, the County Flood Board, Drainage District #1, and Diking District #4 will be drafted to set the stage for such planning. Fred will check with the Willamette Partnership to see if there is interest in applying some of their resources to address the development of a comprehensive plan.
- c. County ditch cleaning – no immediate needs identified.

III. Water Quality

- a. DNA project – Avian project – Fred is rechecking with Exact Scientific.

IV. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Legislative Budget
 - Pre-adjudication work was funded
 - County Executive proposal was also funded
 - Cascadia Policy Solutions - Maia, Jay – interviews with affected parties have been taking place. Fred and Henry noted the extremely disappointing letter from ReSources to the County opposing further development of collaborative process and putting all the funding into data collection to support adjudication.
- b. Watershed Management Board projects
 - Drainage Based Management – outline – Jim Kramer facilitating
 - Regional Water Supply Plan – data collection

V. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.bertrandwid.com

VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Vern adjourned the meeting at 3:31. Next meeting is June 14.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____