

Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: November 9, 2020 Meeting, 2 pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 842 3953 2687 Passcode: 792245

Vern VandeGarde Scott Bedlington Mike Schoneveld
 Pete Vlas Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink Dale Buys Fred Likkel
 Atul Deshmane Scarlett Graham Marty Maberry
 Jay Chennault Katherine Beeler Chris Elder
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.

Vern opened the hearing at 2:03, upon hearing from no petitioners Mike moved to close the hearing, Pete seconded, motion carried unanimously.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 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>
B1120	Reichhardt & Ebe	Duffner tidegate	\$404.55
B1120	Vern Vande Garde	per diems (4)	\$512.00
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$916.55

Mike moved to approved the Consent Agenda, Pete seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Vern and Peter are elected to a 3 year term. Congratulations and thanks!

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Plan for Legislative education is being coordinated by Bill Clarke with the lobbyists and leaders in Olympia. Family Farmers sent an Update to all farmers and held a meeting with the East Indian community to update them on this issue as well.
- b. County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Expect to have the Watershed Management Board approve the workplan December 17th, Initial feedback has been positive.
 - AWB position remains the need to sideline adjudication in lieu of work on the settlement negotiations. Others think they can proceed together.
 - Lummi convening a Tribal/AWB meeting – date is set for December 10th. Logistics are being arranged.
- c. Regional Water Supply project – a technical draft summarizing what is known in each of the pilot areas is being reviewed. AESI is helping AWB with the technical review. The purpose is to identify best sites for implementing tools to increase flows. Jay outlined the work underway and noted there were some areas that needed clarification

in the work provided by Aspect. Fred is talking to the South Fork farmers as they are among the pilot areas and the tribes have clear interest in that area.

- d. AWB Grant – The Ecology grant to fund surface to ground conversions and stream augmentation needs a project on the ground next summer. AESI is presenting a list of options in the Bertrand and Drayton WIDs. Katherine displayed a map of potential sites for the board to review. Further upstream is desired and near a source(s) of groundwater totaling at least 1 cfs. Dakota is also being considered.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Duffner Tidegate project – Dale has been working on outlining all the elements of this project so it flows properly in 2021. He is providing documents to NRCS this week and plans to have the proposal to the culvert manufacturers by December 1. Looking towards a rebid of the project in early January.
- b. Lynden stormwater – Dale will connect with Scott soon to look this over. Dale Rutgers is concerned about the ditch just south of the pond. It needs cleaning. Mike noted the rest of Duffner downstream has been maintained. He and Fred will talk with James Bouma about the remaining section.
- c. Beaver trapping – Mike noted there has been significant beaver trapping at the mouth of the Bertrand. We may expect an invoice from Pete Smit soon. Mike moved to allow payment of up to \$2,000 for trapping, Pete seconded, motion carried unanimously.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – recent data indicates the numbers are quite good
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated by WCD as they are collecting bird droppings. Scarlett reported this is underway.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.bertrandwid.com
- b. AWB Facebook page – Fred noted that WFF would be helping to use the website and Facebook page for BWID to communicate with farmers and the public. WFF is considering a feature on a WID in each of their quarterly newsletters.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Vern adjourned the meeting at 3:26. Next meetings are:
December 14- likely cancelled
January 11

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____