

Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

Meeting Minutes for: October 14, 2019 Meeting, 2pm

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

Vern VandeGarde Scott Bedlington Mike Schoneveld
 Pete Vlas Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink Chris Elder Fred Likkel
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of September 9 Minutes
- b. Financial Report

Bills for Payment:

Ag Water Board	October AWB	\$4,841.75
Vern Vande Garde	per diem (4)	\$360.00
NSEA	Shuler project	\$3,000.00
Reichardt & Ebe	Duffner project	\$2,014.95
TOTAL - Month		\$10,216.70

Scott moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Greg seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Mike needs to be nominated. Scott nominated Mike to be renewed on the board, Greg seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. 2020 Workplan & Budget
 - Resolution 2019-1 – Setting the 2020 Assessment Rate and Budget
 - Resolution 2019-2 – Adopting the 2020 Assessment Roll.
 - Scott moved approval of the Resolution 2019-1 and 2019-2, Greg seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - November 11th Board of Equalization

DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE – all Watershed Improvement Districts

Residents within the Bertrand, Drayton, Laurel, North Lynden, South Lynden, and Sumas Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to:

1) Nominate candidates for election to the Board of the District – one position in Bertrand, two in Drayton, two in Laurel, two in North Lynden, two in South Lynden, and two in Sumas – candidates must file with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, not later than five o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in November.

2) Inspect the 2020 Assessment Roll and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in Laurel will be heard at 10am, November 11th, for Bertrand at 2pm, November 11th, for Sumas at 1pm, November 12th, for South Lynden at 3pm, November 12th, for North Lynden at 10am, November 19th, and for Drayton at 3pm, November 19th, all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 14th to November 8th.

Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.

Public Notice must be published in Lynden Tribune October 16, 23, 30

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Drainage Based Management (DBM) – initiated as a subset of the Water Supply Plan facilitated by the PUD – Initial meeting indicated strong commitment from County, Tribes, PUD, COB, and WDFW. Three pilot areas were selected with process in place

to have water supply plans in place by May, 2020. South Fork, Bertrand, Drayton. Challenge to determine how to represent South Fork ag. Fred and Henry were confirmed as the initial representatives for the Tech Team for the Bertrand pilot.

- b. Streamflow Restoration Grant – \$150k available this fall for advancing projects described in the grant application – surface to ground conversions and augmentation. Will fund preparation of a list of potential projects and implementation of a conversion and augmentation project within the next two years.
- c. Chris Elder – Chris reported he had moved into the Public Works office and would be working on water issues. He will be helping with the Water Supply and Drainage Based Management projects.
- d. Shared Waters, Challenges, and Solutions – forum on latest developments in local water negotiations – went well! Greg and Turtle facilitated. 100+ attending.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Duffner Tidegate project – Scott noted we were \$80k short in funding. The Diking and Drainage districts are likely to provide some. He is meeting with their boards on the 17th. Fred noted that the \$500k for the Fish and Farm Flood projects might be an additional source.
- b. Update on Floodplains by Design discussions and potential projects – October 29 mtg.
- c. Ditch mowing – meeting with County September 23rd – Keith, Fred, and Henry met with Travis, Gary, and Paula. Discussed both mowing and cleaning. Hopeful.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Fred reported nothing out of the normal.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.bertrandwid.com
- b. WFF Farmer Rally – planned for November 21st.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

November 11 – Veteran’s Day – will still hold the meeting

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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