

# Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: January 9, 2017 Meeting, 2 pm - 4 pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Vern VandeGarde       Scott Bedlington       Mike Schoneveld  
 Pete Vlas                       Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink                       Dale Buys                       Kasey Cykler  
 Fred Likkel                       Chuck Lindsay                       Steve Jilk  
x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference

### I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of December 6 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Available</u>
2015 Capital Grant	\$198,821.00		\$124,270.35	\$74,550.65
2017 Assessments Received		\$0.00		
Fund Balance                      12/1/2016		\$44,619.06		
Fund Balance                      1/1/2017		\$16,528.49		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement		\$19,736.11		
TOTAL Available				\$36,264.60
Outstanding bills:				\$6,112.98
Ag Water Board <i>Jan AWB Admin</i>			\$4,877.58	
Ag Water Board <i>Nov-Dec grant projects</i>			\$720.00	
Vern Vande Garde <i>per diems (1)</i>			\$90.00	
Reichhardt & Ebe <i>Augmentation Grant</i>			\$425.40	
<b>End of Month Balance</b>				<b>\$30,151.62</b>

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	58,531	4,877.58	53,653.42
Projects	23,636		23,636.00
Insurance/Adm	4,191	90.00	4,101.00
	<b>86,358</b>	<b>4,967.58</b>	<b>81,390.42</b>

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

### II. Old Business

#### A. Ag Water Board report

- Legal
  - Lummi Settlement Update – Fred summarized the work leading towards the Portage Bay Partnership Agreement and answered questions about what it contained and what it may mean for other farmers. It is a Phased agreement with deadlines included. It builds on a growing relationship between Lummi and the dairy farmers that negotiated the agreement. The funds provided and being sought are targeted for 1) shellfish harvester relief, 2) enhancement of shellfish beds, and 3) public awareness.

- B. Augmentation Project
- Task #1 – Conversion – stopped. Funds remaining are approximately \$20k. We are trying to apply a portion of that amount to projected cost overruns in Task #3.
  - Task #3 - Augmentation – prepare for permits for fall, 2017
    - Jeff Bedlington, Steve Groen, Marty Maberry, Greg Ebe, are considering participation. Need to have three.
    - Request approved to extend grant Task #3 to December, 2017.
    - Request to transfer funds from Task #1 = \$20,405.22
    - Dale is working on the SEPA and HPA permit applications.
- C. Ground water Modeling – Phase #4 funding is nearly determined, not likely to begin until spring and be completed by the end of the year.

#### IV. New Business

- A. Administration – Scott commented on the potential of annexing the ag land in the Ferndale flats into the Bertrand WID. He felt this was the best fit in light of our boundaries already approaching the Ferndale City boundaries already.
- B. Ditch & Dike Maintenance
- Ditch maintenance – discussions with County and WDFW will continue at the North Lynden WID meeting next Tuesday.
  - Programmatic Drainage Permits - WCD Grant application was not approved. A discussion with the Conservation District and Frank Corey is needed to see how a plan for identifying what ditches need attention, who is responsible for them, what permits are needed, and when work should occur.
- C. Water Quality
- Water quality testing results - most numbers are good.
  - ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – N3 has noted there has been abnormally high counts when the turbidity is high. There hasn't been enough actual lab testing to correlate but the one that was done revealed a lab test of 37 when the ZAP was indicating over 1,000.
  - Exact Scientific – source tracking technology – machine is purchased, seeking funding to calibrate with local sources.
- D. Water Quantity
- Water Supply Strategy draft - Henry reviewed a draft statement of goals and objectives that reflected the work that has been done over the years. The penalty to George Sandhu calls attention to the need to have tools developed and working that farmers in his situation can use to become legal in their water use. The draft is to invite comments and edits for consideration by the Ag Water Board. The Board provided a number of suggested changes.
  - Steve has issued an invitation to potential members of the Drought Planning Task Force. The first meeting is planned for January 31<sup>st</sup>. Henry is not available so members of the AWB Water Supply committee are being contacted about their ability to attend. Preparing a Drought Response Plan is a prerequisite for larger Bureau of Reclamation grants that would help us build a fully functioning Water Bank.
- E. Education
- WSU Water Workshop sponsor request – Greg moved to sponsor the event with \$100, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - Website [www.bertrandwid.com](http://www.bertrandwid.com)

**IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting**

February 13

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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