

Bertrand Watershed Improvement District Special Meeting Minutes for: June 27, 2019 Meeting, 3pm

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

Vern VandeGarde Scott Bedlington Mike Schoneveld
 Pete Vlas Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink Dale Buys Fred Likkel
 Frank Corey Fred Vander Veen David Haggith
 James Bouma Vince Stremmer

x = present

o = absent with notice

t = teleconference

I. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

Duffner tidegate project update – Dale passed along the Stremmer rough cost estimate for the project. \$280k. The tidegate is additional \$85k. Plus there will be taxes which likely brings the total project costs to over \$400k. NRCS has \$290k available. Scott and Mike felt they could provide some pumps and work to trim some of the cost estimates. Another \$125k is likely needed.

Fred noted that Fish, Farms, and Floods \$\$\$ might be available but they wouldn't be able to secure that by this fall. The County flood program is another funding option. Frank will provide a concise project description that Fred will take to a July 24th Flood meeting.

Doesn't seem that everything could be ready for this fall. But keeping moving on the cost estimates, funding, and permits so that it is ready by next spring for fall, 2020 installation is imperative.

Next Steps:

- Refine scope and cost estimates – Dale
- Ensure project is conducted under an entity not subject to prevailing wages – Dale
- Prepare an overall project description including the DID's stream cleanout – Frank
- Craft a request to FFF program and/or County flood - Fred
- Seek additional partners like NSEA - Frank

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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