

Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 12, 2020 Meeting, 2 pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 876 2692 4038 Passcode: 780929

Vern VandeGarde Scott Bedlington Mike Schoneveld
 Pete Vlas Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink Dale Buys Fred Likkel
 Frank Corey Fred Vander Veen David Haggith
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

Vern called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of September 7 Minutes
- b. Financial Report – *see financial report in board packet*

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B1020	Ag Water Board	October - December AWB	\$15,096.57
B1020	WA State Auditor	2019 Audit	\$1,017.90
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$16,114.47

Mike moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Pete seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Greg moved to nominate Vern and Peter to another term, Mike seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- b. AWB Budget request – the requested increase in legal and media campaign surrounding adjudication was reviewed. The increase would reduce our project budget but reserves are adequate to fill that need should it arise.
- c. 2021 Workplan & Budget
 - Resolution 2020-1 – Setting the 2020 Assessment Rate and Budget
 - Resolution 2020-2 – Adopting the 2020 Assessment RollPete moved approval of Resolution 1 and 2 setting the assessment rate at \$6/acre, Greg seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - November 9th 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 – two positions in Bertrand, two in Drayton, two in Laurel, one 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 2021 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 9th; for Bertrand at 2pm, November 9th; for Sumas at 1pm, November 10th; for South Lynden at 3pm, November 10th; for North Lynden at 10am, November 17th; and for Drayton at 3pm, November 17th, all at the District's office or via Zoom. Contact the WID administrator for access to the meeting @ info@agwaterboard.com. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 12th to November 6th.*

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

Public Notice will be published in Lynden Tribune October 14, 21, 28

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Ecology report recommends Nooksack
 - Adjudication supported only by Tribes, Fishers, Realtors, and environmental
 - Building partnerships locally and in Olympia
 - Plan for Legislative education by Family Farmers.
- b. County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Seeking support from water users
 - Would add a new element to the Watershed Management Board’s work plan – “Settlement Negotiations”. This will be advanced in lieu of adjudication.
- c. Pipeline study – the study conducted by the PUD, Lynden, and Bertrand WID was forwarded to the Board
- d. 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.
- e. Lynden MAR project – the new round of successful applicants for the 2020 Streamflow Enhancement grants was announced. Lynden received \$4.5 million to advance the Managed Aquifer Recharge concept. This will be located in the upper watershed, divert water during high flows and slowly release water throughout low flow periods.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Duffner Tidegate project – The bid package for the project is out with responses due October 23rd. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897909411?pwd=L3hpYVZrOHpxVk52V1k5QUE0eERQQT09>
The board will award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder at the November 9 meeting. Leo also has the specs and should be able to work on the gate during the slower winter months. Frank is working with Scott to ask for the EQIP extension in November.
- b. Lynden stormwater – need to wait until the pond is full this fall to evaluate what is causing problems. Dale wondered if a hydraulic model would be needed or helpful in illustrating the concerns.
- c. Terry DV – the ditch taking water from Jackman Road to Bertrand on Terry’s land needs cleaning. Whose responsibility is this? The County takes no responsibility as it is on private land and they only address drainage on road easements. But the lack of maintenance affects drainage in the Jackman ditch. No clear answer.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – only high result is along H Street on the ditch coming out of BC.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated late year
- c. Manure ordinance – Fred reported the County ordinance banning liquid manure spreading on open fields in the winter is judged superfluous. Updated state rules cover what this was intended to cover. There will be movement to rescind it.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.bertrandwid.com – revise the 2020 goals to reflect that we have the 5-year drainage HPA permit and want to encourage landowners to make use of it.
- b. Fall Newsletter – unsure if we should invest the time and \$\$ to publish a printed version. Make more effort to alert landowners to the website. Send the adjudication paper and an invitation to receive emails for future electronic newsletters.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Meeting adjourned at 3:16. Next meeting is November 9

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____