

Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: September 11, 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 Fred Likkel
 _____ Heather McKay _____
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of September 11 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Available</u>
2015 Capital Grant	\$184,889.93		\$146,312.38	\$38,577.55
2017 Assessments Received		\$51,071.33		
Fund Balance 8/1/2017		\$70,741.64		
Fund Balance 10/1/2017		\$41,406.08		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$41,406.08
Outstanding bills:				\$16,187.10
Ag Water Board <i>Sept. Oct AWB Admin</i>			\$9,755.16	
Ag Water Board <i>public records request</i>			\$1,016.63	
Vern Vande Garde <i>per diems (1)</i>			\$90.00	
Reichhardt & Ebe <i>Augmentation Grant</i>			\$5,325.31	
End of Month Balance				\$25,218.98

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	58,531	48,775.80	9,755.20
Projects	23,636	2,240.00 <i>(\$5,000 for DNA)</i>	21,396.00
Insurance/Adm	4,191	4,990.99	-799.99
	86,358	56,006.79	30,351.21

Scott moved approval of the Consent agenda, Pete seconded, motion approved unanimously.

II. Administrative

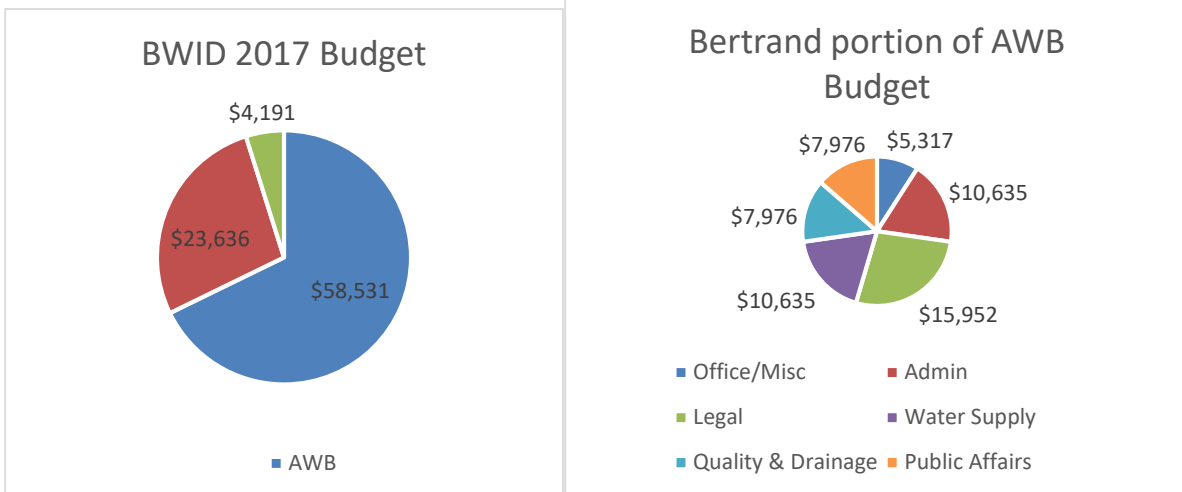
- A. Public Records Request lawsuit – November 2 settlement meeting – Vern and Henry plan to attend.
- B. Comprehensive Plan preparation – Heather – the Board approved the current draft for website posting.
- C. Review Priority Issue and Activity lists

Priorities	2017 Action Priorities	Notes/Actions
1. Water rights	Water augmentation project finished	Final report due in December

	Surface to groundwater transfers...support legislation and legal effort	
2. Water Quality	Continue water quality testing to bring quality back	
3. Drainage		Work with Frank to prepare the 5 – year permit.
4. Flood Management		

D. 2018 Workplan & Budget

- Peter moved approval of 2017-1 setting the 2018 rate at \$6/acre, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution 2017-2 – Adopting the 2018 Assessment Roll – Peter moved approval of 2017-2, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- November 13th Board of Equalization – Henry noted the need for a quorum at the November 13th meeting.



III. Water Supply

- A. Augmentation Project
- September 14th start up
 - Monitoring is in place
 - Publicizing results – Symposiums, websites
- B. Water Supply Work Group report – Henry updated the Board on the following elements which are beginning to build towards a renewed “Drainage Based Management” effort to implement the county-wide strategies developed in the Watershed Management Plan.
- Renewed push for drainage by drainage negotiations leading to binding agreements
 - Support from State via \$450k budget request
 - Supported by the Planning Unit
 - Support building via Baker to Bay and upcoming Water Supply symposium

IV. Water Quality

- A. Monitoring Results are good.
- B. ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – a site on Bertrand has been identified.
- C. South Lynden source tracking project - slow progress on DNA work on Scott Ditch.

V. Drainage/Habitat

- A. Ditch maintenance – County mowed several ditches. Spraying was again discussed. It makes sense to spray after moving as then you can get the spray to where it is needed – on the bottom.
- B. DID meeting reports – Duffner, Schneider – no report
- C. 5-year programmatic permit will be developed with help from Frank at the WCD.

VI. Education/Communications

- A. Website - www.bertrandwid.com
- B. Water Supply Symposium – meeting has been rescheduled to December 13th. Bill Clarke and Chuck Lindsay will be presenting.
- C. WFF November 2 Farmer Rally – Fred encouraged the board to attend and let others know about it.
- D. Floodplain Implementation Plan – Fred alerted the Board to a November 2, 10am meeting where Ned Currence of the Nooksack Tribe will be presenting on fish needs. He felt this would be a great opportunity for WID members to ask questions to both better understand the fish issues and to challenge the fish advocates on conflicting stories.
- E. NLWID Newsletter – Henry showed the e-newsletter developed by the NLWID as an example to follow. Templates have been built for all the WIDs. What is needed is pictures of projects that the WID helped develop and an email list of WID members. Henry and Fred will work on the list.

VII. Ag Water Board

- A. Winter newsletter will be produced. Subject ideas are welcomed.
- B. Portage Bay Partnership update – no new news.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting

November 13

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____