

Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

Meeting Minutes for: September 9, 2019 Meeting, 2pm

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 Chuck Lindsay _____ David Haggith
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of June 10 and June 27 Minutes
- b. Financial Report – *see financial report in board packet*
- c. The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Ag Water Board	July - September AWB	\$14,525.25
Ag Water Board	reimbursements - Audit, LDP	\$1,575.18
Vern Vande Garde	per diem (1)	\$90.00
Reichardt & Ebe	Duffner project	\$4,278.14
TOTAL - Month		\$20,468.57

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

II. Administrative

- a. Potential annexations – Henry noted that any parcels that might be included in next years’ assessment roll should be identified before the October meeting. Not many opportunities as Bertrand is bordered by other WIDs.
- b. 2020 workplan, budget discussion – Mike will need to renominate. We will publicize the opportunity for other nominations.

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Drainage Based Management (DBM) – initiated as a subset of the Water Supply Plan facilitated by the PUD – Drayton and Bertrand are primed to begin as there is funding from grants managed by the PUD and Birch Bay Water and Sewer. Meeting with Tribes later September to formalize which pilots are advanced. Work on identifying the technical participants for each pilot will follow.
- b. Streamflow Restoration Grant – \$150k available this fall for advancing projects described in the grant application – surface to ground conversions and augmentation. Some funds to advance DBM as a means to identify these projects.
- c. Drought Response Plan – grant opportunity for more funding of water banks, transfers, etc.
- d. Shared Waters, Challenges, and Solutions – forum on latest developments in local water negotiations – 6pm, September 19th – partially sponsored by AWB

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Duffner Tidegate project – Dale, Frank
 - i. Refine scope and cost estimates – Dale found some savings in the box culvert estimates. He is adjusting the scope and keeping in contact with County River and Flood and NRCS.
 - ii. Ensure project is conducted under an entity not subject to prevailing wages – Frank noted that the only concern here would be if the County was the project owner.

- iii. Prepare an overall project description including the DID's stream cleanout – Frank has not yet worked with mike on this paln. Hope to roll it into the permit for the entire project.
 - iv. Craft a request to FFF program and/or County flood - Fred will know more about the possibilities after the Flood meeting tomorrow.
 - v. Scott will discuss the remaining financial need with the Diking District later this month. Dale and Frank estimated at least \$8k is needed.
- b. Shuler bank stabilization – Frank reported on the progress and showed a picture of the completed project. The BWID would be getting an invoice for the \$3k we committed.
 - c. Update on Floodplains by Design discussions and potential projects – Fred has a meeting tomorrow where future projects will be discussed. The forward movement on water supply and Drainage Based Management provides some incentive to move forward with ag/flood projects.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – generally good
- b. Fall letter to landowners – Fred drafted a letter to landowners in the Bertrand WID. Other WIDs will also be sending out these alerts.
- c. ZAP/DNA – questions about the utility of the ZAP units and progress on the DNA work were received and discussed. ZAPs have not proven to be reliable yet but remain a work in progress. Fred was more optimistic about the DNA work.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.bertrandwid.com

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

October 14 – Pete gone
November 11

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____