

Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 8, 2018 Meeting, 2 pm - 4 pm

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 Randy Honcoop
x = present *o = absent with notice* *t = teleconference*

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of September 10 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*

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

II. Administrative

- a. Board term expires for Greg and Scott – Scott is willing to be re-nominated. Pete moved to nominate both Greg and Scott for another 3-year term, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. 2019 Workplan & Budget
 - Resolution 2018-1 – Setting the 2019 Assessment Rate and Budget – After reviewing the AWB budget and the BWID budget Pete moved to set the rate at \$6/acres for 2019, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - Resolution 2018-2 – Adopting the 2019 Assessment Roll – Scott moved to adopt the 2019 Assessment Roll as presented, Pete seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - November 12th Board of Equalization will be held at the beginning of the BWID monthly board meeting.

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, one in Drayton, one in Laurel, two in North Lynden, one in South Lynden, and one 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 2019 Assessment Roll and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in the Bertrand will be heard at 2pm, November 12th, for Sumas at 1pm, November 13th, for South Lynden at 3pm, November 13th, for Laurel at 10am, November 12th, for North Lynden at 10am, November 20th, and for Drayton at 3pm, November 20th, all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 24th to November 12th.

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

Public Notice must be published in Lynden Tribune October 17, 24, 31

III. Ag Water Board

- a. AWB/Tribal meetings – Water Supply committee is meeting with Nooksack next Monday. Meeting with Lummi is still pending.
- b. Watershed Management Board and Planning Unit update
 - List of top mitigation for rural wells projects released – ag projects are at the top of the list.

- Building support for AG priorities with other caucuses – hopefully resulting in letters of support for a grant application due this month.
- c. Ecology grant application – ag projects included:
 - Funds for farmers to transfer surface rights to groundwater
 - Funds for stream augmentation
 - Develops Credit for AG when implementing stream projects through a Water Bank/Exchange
 - Drainage Based Mgt – begin this fall/winter
 - Provides for inventory of ag rights and water needs.
 - Water conservation added.
 - PUD is open to administering the grant – AWB would be a sub-contractor.
- d. Letters from Ecology – The clarification letters noted in the September meeting had not been received by affected farmers. Henry will check with Tom Perkow @ Ecology.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Duffner Tidegate – Dale is meeting tomorrow with the parties that need to be involved.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Fred presented a short excerpt from the Whatcom Clean Water report that indicated significant progress in water quality. Fred contrasted this with recent numbers coming out of British Columbia where oversight is quite lax. He suggested pressure on Executive Louws to send another letter to BC outlying our success and our concern with their lack thereof.
- b. ZAP unit – installed in Bertrand
- c. DNA source tracking project report – CD looking for sampling sites, wildlife – BC is putting \$50k into helping with this.
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – the April – June Spring closure period is hard to defend in light of the recent data. We anticipate seeing that closure relaxed in the near future.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.bertrandwid.com
- b. WID Newsletter – should go out in late October, early November. Needs a report from the WID on 2018 activities. Items mentioned were the Duffner tidegate project, conversions to fix Hirst, augmentation, and flood management discussion.
- c. WFF – REAL campaign – Fred called attention to several media contacts and events and noted the Farmer Rally planned for November 8th.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

November 12

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____