

Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 10, 2016 Meeting, 2 pm - 4 pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

___x___ Vern VandeGarde ___x___ Scott Bedlington ___x___ Mike Schoneveld
 ___o___ Pete Vlas ___o___ Greg Ebe

___x___ Henry Bierlink ___x___ Dale Buys ___x___ Mike Murphy
 ___x___ Jim Bucknell ___x___ Chuck Lindsay ___x___ Steve Jilk
 x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of September 6 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Available</u>
2015 Capital Grant	\$198,821.00		\$94,534.24	\$104,286.76
2016 Assessments Received		\$51,547.17		
Fund Balance @ 9/1/2016		\$28,505.00		
Fund Balance @ 10/1/2016		\$28,956.48		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$28,956.48
Outstanding bills:				\$5,541.52
Ag Water Board	<i>Oct AWB Admin</i>		\$4,004.40	
Ag Water Board	<i>September grant projects</i>		\$400.00	
Vern Vande Garde	<i>per diems (1)</i>		\$90.00	
Reichhardt & Ebe	<i>Augmentation Grant</i>		\$1,047.12	
End of Month Balance				\$23,414.96

	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	48,140	33,742.97	14,397.03
Projects	33,428	10,000.00	23,428.00
Insurance/Adm	4,790	4,321.00	469.00
	86,358	48,063.97	38,294.03

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

II. Old Business

A. Ag Water Board report

- 2017 Workplan and Budget
- Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update (in Executive Session)
- AWB Issues Summary – for County Council education
- Critical Area update – comments on CAO in cooperation with WFF and Farm Bureau

B. Augmentation Project

- Task #1 – Conversion - De Valois, De Haan, Smit have all committed to pursuing the changes. A water right transfer/application has been prepared for each of them.
- Task #3 - Augmentation – prepare for permits for fall, 2017
 - Jeff Bedlington, Steve Groen, Marty Maberry, Greg Ebe, and the participants in Task #1 are considering participation.
 - A water right application for 4,500 gpm has been submitted.
 - SEPA and Shorelines permit applications will be submitted in November.
 - Request to extend grant Task #3 to December, 2017.
- C. Ground water Modeling - Chuck Lindsay
 - The first three phases are nearly complete. They will be reviewed by the project partners this fall.

IV. New Business

A. Administrative

- Resolutions for 2017
 - Budget planning for 2017
 - Assessment rate – Mike moved to approve Resolution 2016-1 setting the 2017 Assessment rate at \$6/acre and the total budget at \$86,358 Scott seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Assessment Roll – Scott moved approval of Resolution 2016-2 establishing the 2017 Assessment Roll, Mike seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - Henry was asked to invite Dickinsons and Steensmas to attend the November meeting to discuss being added to the Assessment Roll.
- Legal Notice in Tribune Oct. 12, 19, 26

B. Ditch & Dike Maintenance

- Beaver trapping was occurring in a few areas. We anticipate a few invoices,
- Programmatic Drainage Permits - WCD Grant application – should know at the end of the year.

C. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results – Fred reported that samples still looked quite good.
- ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting
- Exact Scientific – source tracking technology has been ordered. Mike moved to approve using up to \$5k in BWID funds to provide samples and analysis to further the advancement of establishing these tests as a legitimate water quality tool, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Report on landowner contacts

D. Water Quantity

- Whatcom Water Supply Coalition - Steve noted the PUD was coordinating an effort to establish a Drought Response Program in Whatcom using support from the Bureau of Reclamation. He is having some issues gathering the 50% matching funds that the \$100k grant requires. Having the Drought Plan in place opens up the opportunity to garner support for more water banking work.
- Groundwater Forum – October 19th
- Birch Bay Water and Sewer Deep Aquifer project was referenced.

E. Education

- WCD Speaker Series – Bertrand program on October 20th – Pete was designated as the Board member to introduce the speaker.
- AWB/WID Newsletter – 1,350 mailed late September
- Website www.bertrandwid.com
- WFF Farmer Rally being planned for November 15th.
- Scott suggested getting a booth for the AWB and WIDs at the Small Fruit Conference. Henry will make arrangements.

F. Comments on Conservation District 2017 Workplan

- NRCS priority setting meeting is scheduled for the 20th.

G. Public Records Request - no response to our submission yet

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

November 1

Consider change in meeting dates for 2017 - 2nd Monday – board was supportive and the change will be made beginning in January.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____