

# Ag Water Board

## Regular Meeting March 16, 2016, 1-3 pm

Ag Water Board office, 1796 Front Street, Lynden

<u>AWB Board:</u>	__x__ Andy Enfield	__x__ Marty Maberry	__x__ Scott Bedlington
	__x__ Mike Boxx	__x__ Rod Vande Hoef	__o__ Roger Bajema
<u>Alternates:</u>	_____ Vern Vande Garde	_____ Terry Lenssen	__x__ Greg Ebe
	__x__ Rich Appel	_____ Landon Van Dyk	_____ Rod Tjoelker
	_____ Jon Maberry	_____ Brad Rader	_____ Keith Boon
	__x__ Jeff De Jong	_____ Rolf Haugen	__x__ Larry Stap
	__x__ Ed Blok		
<u>Others:</u>	__x__ Fred Likkel	_____ Gerald Baron	__x__ Henry Bierlink
	__t__ Bill Clarke	_____ David Haggith	__x__ Steve Jilk
	__x__ Steve Hood	__x__ Chuck Antholt	__x__ Cal Bratt

x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference

- I. Review & Approve December 16 Minutes  
Mike moved approval of the December 16 minutes, Marty seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- II. Financial/Administrative
  - A. Proposed Amendments to 2016 Budget

### 2016 Approved AWB Budget

<u>WID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Insurance</u>			<u>Water</u>	<u>Quality/</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
			<u>Office</u>	<u>Admin</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Drainage</u>	<u>Affairs</u>	
Bertrand	14,393	21.3%	\$1,278	\$4,260	\$28,969	\$4,260	\$4,260	\$7,668	50,696
North Lynden	5,931	8.8%	\$527	\$1,756	\$11,937	\$1,756	\$1,756	\$3,160	20,891
South Lynden	12,991	19.2%	\$1,154	\$3,845	\$26,147	\$3,845	\$3,845	\$6,921	45,758
Drayton	7,385	10.9%	\$656	\$2,186	\$14,864	\$2,186	\$2,186	\$3,935	26,012
Laurel	8,307	12.3%	\$738	\$2,459	\$16,720	\$2,459	\$2,459	\$4,426	29,260
Sumas	18,563	27.5%	\$1,648	\$5,494	\$37,362	\$5,494	\$5,494	\$9,890	65,384
			<b>6,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>136,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>238,000</b>
	<b>67,570.0</b>		3%	8%	57%	8%	8%	15%	100%

### Proposed Amended 2016 AWB Budget

<u>WID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Insurance</u>			<u>Water</u>	<u>Quality &amp;</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
			<u>Office</u>	<u>Admin</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Drainage</u>	<u>Affairs</u>	
Bertrand	14,393	21.3%	\$3,195	\$10,650	\$7,668	\$10,650	\$7,988	\$7,988	48,140
North Lynden	5,931	8.8%	\$1,317	\$4,389	\$3,160	\$4,389	\$3,292	\$3,292	19,837
South Lynden	12,991	19.2%	\$2,884	\$9,613	\$6,921	\$9,613	\$7,210	\$7,210	43,451
Drayton	7,385	10.9%	\$1,639	\$5,465	\$3,935	\$5,465	\$4,099	\$4,099	24,700
Laurel	8,307	12.3%	\$1,844	\$6,147	\$4,426	\$6,147	\$4,610	\$4,610	27,784
Sumas	18,563	27.5%	\$4,121	\$13,736	\$9,890	\$13,736	\$10,302	\$10,302	62,087
			<b>15,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>226,000</b>
	<b>67,570.0</b>		7%	22%	16%	22%	17%	17%	100%

Scott queried each WID representative over the proposed changes. Larry moved approval of the budget changes and change in employee status from WFF to Ag Water Board, Mike seconded, motion carried unanimously.

B. Employees – Director and Office Manager – effective April 1st

- i. Water Supply
- ii. Administer WIDs and AWB
- iii. Grant writing and Administration

C. Contactors – effective April 1st

- i. Legal – Bill Clarke – Larry moved approval of the 2016 contract with Bill Clarke, Mike seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- ii. Family Farmers – Rod moved approval of a \$75,000 contract with Whatcom Family Farmers to address AWB needs for:
  1. Water Quality/Drainage
  2. Public Affairs/Media Relations

The contract will run through March, 2017. Mike seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

D. AWB organization – the AWB board directed Henry to work with an attorney to form the AWB as a quasi-municipal organization based on the Interlocal between the six WIDs. Nicole Terpstra was the suggestion. Andy moved to establish the officers of this organization as Scott – President, Marty – Vice President, Rod – Treasurer, and Mike – Secretary. Larry seconded the motion which passed unanimously. It was noted that a board rotation should be established so that continuity on the board was not disrupted.

III. Communication/Education

- A. Farmer Meeting(s) – a meeting is being planned for mid-April. AWB will be part of the program. WFF will organize the event.
- B. WFF Newsletters and press releases – A recent newsletter from AWB was referenced.
- C. AWB Newsletter – final edits to the AWB newsletter draft were made. Henry reported there were 1,300 landowners receiving the newsletter. He asked for suggestions on what businesses, partners, governments, should also be added to the distribution list.

IV. Water Quality/Drainage

- A. NPDES/CAFO permits – stuck in the State Legislature.
- B. Monitoring report – generally good with some exemptions. Drayton Harbor should be opening to shellfish harvest very soon.

- C. Drainage – Fred expects to have a meeting between all the WIDs and the County road department very soon.

V. Water Quantity/Supply

- A. Whatcom Water Supply Coalition – Henry and Steve Jilk outlined the membership and the goals of this organization. It is meant to provide a cooperative place where all water users can effectively coordinate their efforts to counter the in-stream flow arguments. Joint efforts may include water interties, pipelines, reclaimed water, deep aquifers, and water exchanges.
- B. Bureau of Reclamation Grant application – WR review and Water Exchange are the first phases of this proposal. The PUD is fronting the costs of preparing the application.
- C. WRIA #1 Planning Unit and restructuring of Joint Board – a diagram was reviewed outlining the structure of the new Interlocal Agreement that merges the WRIA #1 Watershed Planning effort with the Salmon Recovery effort. There is no obvious place for Ag to be represented. This is concerning to the AWB board and a meeting with Executive Louws was suggested as a needed step towards ensuring that ag, especially through the WIDs and AWB, have a more distinct spot in this flowchart.

VI. New Business

- A. Meeting with Louws and EDI representatives – Potential projects: Water transmission lines, Deep Aquifer wells, Partnership with Lummi in shellfish bed enhancements, Water quality monitoring including monitoring equipment, A Whatcom Ag Research Station
- B. A draft letter to the County regarding the CAO update raised concerns about the direction of where the County is going with CAO enforcement. The board wanted to look into the issues raised in the letter before sending. The intent is to have a revised letter by next Monday.

VII. Legal – Joint Defense Team, Litigation Management Committee (*in Executive Session*)

- A. Report on Tribal Negotiations – Bill –March 18<sup>th</sup> mtg
- B. Future of Water Negotiations

VIII. Adjournment - Next Meeting – June 15th