

# Bertrand Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: January 10, 2022 Meeting, 2pm

Videoconference – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89828349984?pwd=aTVKdHJhSVl0N1R0eDRXWkhwc1V0QT09>  
 Meeting ID: 898 2834 9984 Passcode: 441636

Vern VandeGarde       Scott Bedlington       Mike Schoneveld  
 Pete Vlas                       Greg Ebe

Henry Bierlink               Dale Buys                       Fred Likkel  
 Brandy Reed                       Dale Rutgers                      \_\_\_\_\_ David Haggith  
 Jay Chennault                       Katie Faber                       Alan Chapman  
*x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference*

Vern called the meeting to order at 2:02.

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of November 8 Minutes
- b. Financial Report

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B1221	Vern VandeGarde	per diem	\$128.00
B1221	Pete Smit	Beaver trapping	\$720.00
B1221	Reichardt & Ebe	Duffner Tidegate	\$195.27
<b>TOTAL VOUCHER</b>			<b>\$1,043.27</b>

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

### II. Administrative

- a. Oath of Office – Scott and Greg are sworn in and their oaths will be filed at the County.
- b. Officer elections – Mike moved to keep the same officer team, Greg seconded, motion carried unanimously. Vern as President, Pete as Vice-chair, Greg as AWB rep.
- c. Public Records, Open Public Meetings review – Henry reviewed a memo from Bill outlining the laws applying to WID and AWB meetings and actions. Open Public Meetings and Public Records rules are areas where board members need to stay well aware of.

### III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a) Solutions Table
  - County working with Jay and Maia anticipating an early 2022 start
  - Potential proviso supporting federal involvement in water mgt. – AWB team is working with Legislators and partners to advance this idea in both the Legislature and at the Solutions Table.
- b) Project List
  - Surface to ground conversion candidates – grant application is being prepared.
- c) AESI proposals – Jay reviewed two areas where the BWID might consider investing in gathering data. 1) a look at rights around Lynden that might be transferable to the WID or downstream farmers, and 2) building on the AWB effort to examine Surface Water and Groundwater Use Quantification to gather this data in the Bertrand. Greg moved approval of both these proposals totaling \$10,900 from the 2022 Project Budget, Pete seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- d) Water Right acquisition candidates
  - Reviewed the surface water right list (40). Intend to address groundwater rights in upcoming meetings. Placing all rights in one of three categories:
    - Clearly will be defended
    - Likely defended but nudge needed
    - Unsure, susceptible to being lost

- Determine who and how to contact once this list is completed.

#### **IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood**

- a. Flood response - Sumas WID decision to develop a media story with flood images and stories was discussed. Discussion over who best to help connect with. Other WIDs are supportive but haven't designated financial support. Greg moved to have the Bertrand WID make \$5k as potentially available to help, Mike seconded, motion carried unanimously. Unclear what can and will happen next.
- b. Ditch maintenance
  - Willamette Partnership scope of work is being finalized. Initial meeting of the partners earlier this month.
  - the culvert under Rathbone Rd. forces water around to one of Mike's ditches. An inadequately sized pipe makes water pond and washes out the road regularly.
  - Glendale Road ditch needs cleanout.
- c. WCD Update – New Director Brandy Reed introduced herself. Frank will be more available to help with projects now.

#### **V. Water Quality**

- a) Monitoring Results
  - Rathbone camp violations remain a concern. Fred and Henry were directed to contact the Health Department and make a formal complaint from the BWID.

#### **VI. Education/Communications**

- a) Website – [www.bertrandwid.com](http://www.bertrandwid.com)
- b) AWB flyer and draft cover letter – reviewed and a second version will be sent to the board in a few weeks. We hope to have a final version prepared before the February board meeting and a letter sent to landowners mid-February. Including more about what we are doing about adjudication and highlighting the upcoming Farmer Rally.
- c) Family Farmers Rally – Fred noted the date is likely in late February or March and expects to be a place where farmers can become informed about opportunities for help with an adjudication, drainage, and flood management.

#### **VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

Vern adjourned the meeting at 4:02. Next meeting is February 14.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_