

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: WC Ag Pres Com		9/19		9/27/94	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	✓				
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Resolution certifying and accepting the proposed poll book for the irrigation district formation election (Whatcom Agricultural Water District)

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO /xx/ YES / / Requested date:
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By passing this resolution the Council would be certifying and accepting the poll book for the irrigation district election (to form the Whatcom Agricultural Water District). Please read the resolution for more information. Civil Deputy Prosecutor Dan Gibson will be prepared to advise the Council on this matter at the September 27 Council meeting.

CLERK'S RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

9/27/94: Council approved the resolution. 7-0 (the substitute)

RESOLUTION NO. 94-046

CERTIFYING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED POLL BOOK
FOR THE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FORMATION ELECTION
(WHATCOM AGRICULTURAL WATER DISTRICT)

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Agriculture Preservation Committee respectfully asks that the Council consider certifying and accepting a poll book for the election to determine whether the Whatcom County Agricultural Water District, an irrigation district under RCW 87, shall be formed; and

WHEREAS, this election is to be conducted by mail ballot; and

WHEREAS, participants in the election are limited to owners of property within the boundaries of the proposed district, with two votes given for every five acres (or fraction thereof) of property owned¹; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Agriculture Preservation Committee has determined that the district will contain less than 200,000 acres, which determines the qualifications of electors and the voting method under State Law; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Agriculture Preservation Committee asked a consultant to prepare the poll book under consideration by the Council to include only parcels of property of the size of five acres or greater, thus implying that less than fifty

¹See Section 87.03.051 of the Revised Code of Washington.

1 percent of the total acreage of the district is owned in individual ownerships of less than
2 five acres²; and

3 WHEREAS, the Council will consider certifying and accepting the poll book for
4 the election only after a representative of the Whatcom County Agriculture Preservation
5 Committee states on the record that less than fifty percent of the total acreage of the
6 district is owned in individual ownerships of less than five acres; and


7 WHEREAS, the poll book is required to determine the eligible voters (voters
8 must be 18 years of age, United States citizens, Washington State residents, and owners
9 of the property for which they are casting votes);

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that
11 the poll book presented to the Council and attached to this resolution, or on file in
12 AB94-273D is hereby certified as being as accurate as possible; and

13 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Council accepts this poll book for the
14 purposes of this election.

15 APPROVED this 27th day of September, 1994.

16 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
17 ATTEST: WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk



Robert Imhof, Chair

20 APPROVED as to form:

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22 Civil Deputy Pros. Atty.

23 ²See Section 87.03.071 of the Revised Code of Washington.