

South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: March 10, 2020 Meeting, 1 pm

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

Ed Blok Jeff De Jong Landon Van Dyk
 Rod Vande Hoef Rolf Haugen

Henry Bierlink Dale Buys Fred Likkel
 David Haggith Mark Sandal Chuck Lindsay
 Jay Chennault Tom Perkow Sherm Polinder
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

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

Ag Water Board	March, April AWB	\$8,453.14
State Auditor	2019 Assessment Audit	\$652.60
	TOTAL - Month	\$9,105.74

Rod moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. City of Lynden Managed Aquifer Recharge Project – seeking support letter – AESI and the City presented the case for exploring a MAR project in the forks of the Nooksack. This is in the feasibility study phase and Lynden is seeking a Streamflow Enhancement Grant to move it forward. After discussion Jeff moved to send a support letter from the SLWID and recommend the same to the AWB Board, Rod seconded, motion passed unanimously with Rolf out of the room.
- b. Drainage Based Management pilots are meeting in Bertrand, South Fork and Drayton.
 - [RFP out for data synthesis](#) - summarize data for each pilot and suggest management solutions for the group to consider. Deadline is March 16th.
- c. Adjudication discussions expressing our concerns with:
 - County Executive
 - Other partners
 - ~~Watershed Management Board – March 16th~~ *postponed due to virus concerns*
- d. Application for grant to complete more projects identified in DBM process as developed in the pilots.
- e. South Fork representation – no new developments

III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. FLIP opportunities – Fred noted the Steering Committee had recommended \$100k to be applied to the Duffner tidegate project in the Bertrand WID. This sends a good message about future ag projects in the floodplain. Fred anticipates that Reach 3 (SLWID) will be the focus later this year.
- b. Culvert replacement options

<https://geodataservices.wdfw.wa.gov/hp/fishpassage/index.html>

Board members reviewed the yellow (partial barrier) or red (full barrier) triangles in the WID. A goal is to help facilitate culvert replacements which could be used as “banked mitigation” for future ditch maintenance projects. No obvious projects were identified for the 2020 Project budget.

IV. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results - David presented recent results which were discussed. A few areas of concern. High counts on Scott Ditch at Bylsma mystified the Board as there was no manure application since last fall on the land between Hannegan and Bylsma.
- b. DNA project – sampling to support further development of this project was considered but the more ideal approach would be to have a full plan for furthering this work in place and

find the grants to support it. The CD has meet with Exact to discuss this. They are developing a module approach to advance this work. David will connect with Kent to see if there is a recommended action that the WID could support.

- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Fred noted that many farmers had been “termed out” of these boards leaving many vacancies. They are attending as non-voting members to keep the mission moving in the right direction.

V. Education/Communications

- a. Website is regularly updated @ www.southlyndenwid.com
- b. WCD Engineer support position – The Laurel WID is suggesting that farmers might consider either fully or partially funding an ag technician/engineer from WID generated dollars. This will be discussed at the AWB meeting. This approach was judged preferable to supporting the parcel assessment idea promoted by the WCD Board. It is likely that AWB will appoint a committee to study the options related to our partnership with the WCD. Board members were encouraged to complete the WCD’s survey located at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVNTT6Z>.

VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings

April 14
May 12
June 9

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____