

South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: November 10, 2020 Meeting, 3 pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 872 3453 9197 Passcode: 272009

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

 x Henry Bierlink _____ Dale Buys x Fred Likkel
 t David Haggith _____ Dan Noteboom t Doug Allen
x = present *o = absent with notice* *t = teleconference*

Board of Equalization Hearing

Public has opportunity to contest Assessments. WID board must determine if petitioners provide clear evidence they would not receive value from WID actions equal to the Assessment amount. WID Board could vote to eliminate or reduce the assessment on individual parcels. Once completed the Regular Board Meeting commences.

Landon opened the hearing at 3:03, upon hearing from no petitioners Jeff moved to close the hearing, Ed seconded, motion carried unanimously.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 13 Minutes
- b. Financial Report

Rod moved to approved the Consent Agenda, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Jeff and Ed are elected to a 3 year term. Congratulations and Thanks!

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Plan for Legislative education is being coordinated by Bill Clarke with the lobbyists and leaders in Olympia. Family Farmers sent an Update to all farmers and held a meeting with the East Indian community to update them on this issue as well.
- b. County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Expect to have the Watershed Management Board approve the workplan December 17th, Initial feedback has been positive.
 - AWB position remains the need to sideline adjudication in lieu of work on the settlement negotiations. Others think they can proceed together.
 - Lummi convening a Tribal/AWB meeting – date is set for December 10th. Logistics are being arranged.
- c. Lynden MAR project – Rolf met with Scott Korthuis who expressed interest in the SLWID being involved in the MAR project. He will continue discussions with Lynden. It appears that both Lynden and SLWID could help each other with aspects of this project.
- d. PUD partnering options – the idea of a pipeline from Trigg Road to Everson area was brought up for discussion. Several different ideas were generated but the Board was not ready to formally ask for help developing this project until more joint brainstorming occurred. Henry will contact Steve Jilk and ask if we would engage in the brainstorming process in the next weeks before the board formulates a request for assistance in developing this idea.
- e. Federal Water Subcabinet – Rolf asked about developments following the October Executive Order establishing a water subcabinet tasked with developing a list of water project to fund. Henry began following up but will ask for more information again.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Ditch maintenance – Landon asked about the history of having both WIDs and DIDs and wondered if there was wisdom in merging them. They have been good at partnering on projects in most WIDs but his question is appropriate as WIDs have all the powers of DIDs and many more. They don't have the history the DIDs do.
- b. Dave Miller – Henry noted that Dave had called about flooding in his Hannegan Rd. fields.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – recent data indicates the numbers are quite good – a few questionable spots
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated by WCD as they are collecting bird droppings
- c. Kamm Creek concern – Ecology's Doug Allen presented the WID with a troublesome issue along Kamm Creek. There is a recurring problem with a landowner that penalties are not likely to correct. Ed and Rod agreed to visit the landowner and work towards a long-term solution that would stop the current practices.
- d. Manure Ordinance – David reported this ordinance which was put into County law to stop liquid manure applications on bare corn ground is being considered for revisions. Solid manure may be added to the ban.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.southlyndenwid.com
- b. Ag WeatherNet – the CD is looking for a site in the SLWID for an AgWeatherNet station. Landon will discuss with them.
- c. AWB Facebook page – Fred noted that WFF would be helping to use the website and Facebook page for SLWID to communicate with farmers and the public.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Landon adjourned the meeting at 5:00.
December 8 – may be cancelled
January 12

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____