

# South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: November 13, 2018 Meeting, 3 pm – 5 pm

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

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

Henry Bierlink                       Hank Roorda                       Fred Likkel  
 Alan Chapman                      \_\_\_\_\_ Steve Jilk                       Hans Wolfisberg  
 David Haggith                      \_\_\_\_\_ Dan Noteboom                      \_\_\_\_\_ Jake De Hoog  
*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 Board of Equalization Hearing. Hank Roorda presented a concern over flooding and water quality near his property on the end of Kamm Slough. His contention was that if the WID could not help address these concerns he should be removed from the roll. The board heard his issue and contended that they should have a chance to address this before removing his parcel from the roll. *More on this issue is in the Water Quality Report.*

With no further comments Jeff moved to close the hearing, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 8 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

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

#### II. Administration

- a. No nominations for board membership other than the nomination of Rolf by the board were received. Rolf is elected to another three year term.

#### III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. AWB/Tribal meetings – Nooksack meeting was held in September. Lummi meeting is still pending.
- b. Watershed Management Board and Planning Unit update
  - Debate over fees (\$500), max amount (3000 gpd), meters – PU provisionally approved no change in the fees or amount and elected to have voluntary metering leading to needed data collection on rural water use.
  - Deadline for PU approval of the final plan is December 12
- c. Ecology grant application – grant submitted 10/31, notice in late December
  - Funding for surface to ground transfers and augmentation projects
  - Credit for AG when implementing stream projects
  - Water Bank/Exchange
  - Drainage Based Mgt – begin in January – likely Drayton and Bertrand
  - Impact on AWB budget, workplan – We will be busy implementing projects rather than just talking about them if the grant is approved.
- d. Flood Management grant application – ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in State, submitted by WC Flood
  - Funding for a yet to be determined ag/flooding/fish project
  - AWB staff time spent on the FLIP process in 2019-2021
  - Impact on AWB budget, workplan – funds would not be available until July.
- e. Alan Chapman – introduced as the newly elected supervisor at the Whatcom Conservation District. Interested in collaborative projects. Also on the Fishers Caucus in the Planning

Unit and has been active in the Puget Sound Partnership. Noted another election for a WCD Supervisor seat will be held in early 2019.

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

- a. Ditch maintenance – the project along the Guide by Bloks was completed.

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

- a. Monitoring Results – David distributed the results of recent testing. October/November was a difficult period for fecal counts throughout the basin. The SLWID numbers were elevated but not dramatically.
- b. Kamm Ditch near Roordas – Hanks concerns were heard and discussed. Jeff moved to have David file a Public Disclosure Request with Ecology on the property of concern, Ed seconded, motion carried unanimously. Once we get the facts and data in front of us we will be better equipped to pursue a course of corrective action.
- c. DNA source tracking project report – CD looking for sampling sites, wildlife – Just getting started.
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – a high count was reported in Portage Bay which will hinder the ability to fully open the shellfish beds for some time. There was no clear suspect for the high count.

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

- a. Website - [www.southlyndenwid.com](http://www.southlyndenwid.com)
- b. AWB Newsletter – ready for printing and distribution.
- c. WFF – REAL campaign – Farmer Rally November 8 – a success, many ag business and ag service individuals attending.

#### **VII. Other Items from Commissioners**

- a. Strategic Planning – some time should be devoted to taking a broad look at our direction and setting some goals for 2019. The Board suggested that the January meeting should make time for this discussion. The December meeting will likely be cancelled unless an item of urgency arises.

#### **VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

January 15

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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