

South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 9, 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 Meg Harris _____ Fred Likkel
 Leah Shields Sam Merrick Jeff Cederpol
 David Haggith _____ Dan Noteboom _____ Jake De Hoog
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of September 11 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

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

II. Administrative

- a. Board term expires for Rolf - Jeff moved to nominate Rolf for another term, Ed seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. 2019 Workplan & Budget
 - Resolution 2018-1 – Setting the 2019 Assessment Rate and Budget – Rolf moved approval of Resolution 2018-1, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - Resolution 2018-2 – Adopting the 2019 Assessment Roll - Ed moved approval of Resolution 2018-2, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - November 13th Board of Equalization

DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE – all Watershed Improvement Districts

Residents within the Bertrand, Drayton, Laurel, North Lynden, South Lynden, and Sumas Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to:

1) Nominate candidates for election to the Board of the District – two positions in Bertrand, one in Drayton, one in Laurel, two in North Lynden, one in South Lynden, and one in Sumas – candidates must file with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, not later than five o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in November.

2) Inspect the 2019 Assessment Roll and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in the Bertrand will be heard at 2pm, November 12th, for Sumas at 1pm, November 13th, for South Lynden at 3pm, November 13th, for Laurel at 10am, November 12th, for North Lynden at 10am, November 20th, and for Drayton at 3pm, November 20th, all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 24th to November 12th.

Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.

Public Notice must be published in Lynden Tribune October 17, 24, 31

III. Ag Water Board – Water Supply

- a. AWB/Tribal meetings – Water Supply committee met with Nooksack Monday. Meeting with Lummi is still pending.
- b. Watershed Management Board and Planning Unit update
 - List of top mitigation for rural wells projects released – ag projects are at the top of the list.
 - Building support for AG priorities with other caucuses – hopefully resulting in letters of support for a grant application due this month.
- c. Ecology grant application – ag projects included:
 - Funds for farmers to transfer surface rights to groundwater
 - Funds for stream augmentation

- Develops Credit for AG when implementing stream projects through a Water Bank/Exchange
 - Drainage Based Mgt – begin this fall/winter
 - Provides for inventory of ag rights and water needs.
 - Water conservation added.
 - PUD is open to administering the grant – AWB would be a sub-contractor.
- d. Gravel pit Study – PUD funded report
- City of Lynden interest in the Kamm site
- e. Kamm water rights – no water at the Molendyk diversion, authority to allow Chuck and Dale investigate the root of the issue – tabled pending more information.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Blok project on Guide – Ed reported this was occurring this week.
- b. Draft policy for landowner agreements to use HPA – Henry submitted a draft policy to consider The board asked to have Bill review it to see if this is legally acceptable.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – good except for the east end of Scott Ditch. Meg reported that testing was occurring there twice monthly and another letter has been sent to the landowners there.
- b. DNA source tracking project report – CD looking for sampling sites, wildlife
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update - Spring closures may be lifted in light of positive results during this period. The PIC program continues with routine and storm sampling.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.southlyndenwid.com
- b. WID Newsletter – should go out in late October, early November. Needs a report from the WID on 2018 activities. Items mentioned were quality monitoring, ditch maintenance, 5-year permit, flood management discussions, storage studies.
- c. WFF – REAL campaign – There have been several media contacts and events and a Farmer Rally is planned for November 8th.
- d. CD Education – Meg reported a flyer had been sent from the Whatcom Clean Water program to 100 property owners informing them of their responsibilities and offering assistance, specifically for small farms.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

November 13

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____