

South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: January 11, 2022 Meeting, 3pm

Videoconference – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83815010859?pwd=QVhBeFBNdktweE1lSkpFM0Q0Ny9pZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 1501 0859 Passcode: 516532

Ed Blok Jeff De Jong Landon Van Dyk
 Rod Vande Hoef “Pablo” Esquivel

Henry Bierlink Frank Corey Fred Likkel
 David Haggith Katie Faber Sukh Kahlon
x = present *o = absent with notice* *t = teleconference*

Landon called the meeting to order at 3:09.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of December 14 Minutes
- b. Financial Report

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SL1221	N3	water monitoring	\$690.00
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$690.00

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

II. Administrative

- a. Oath of Office – Juan was sworn in.
- b. Public Records, Open Public Meetings review – Henry reviewed a memo from Bill outlining the laws applying to WID and AWB meetings and actions. Open Public Meetings and Public Records rules are areas where board members need to stay well aware of.

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Solutions Table
 - County working with Jay and Maia anticipating an early 2022 start
 - Potential proviso supporting federal involvement in water mgt. – AWB team is working with Legislators and partners to advance this idea in both the Legislature and at the Solutions Table.
- b. Project List
 - Surface to ground conversion candidates – grant application is being prepared. It was noted that several surface rights that we had identified earlier as potential candidates for surface to ground transfers were not on the current list. Henry will make these lists consistent.
- c. Water Right acquisition candidates
 - Reviewed the surface water right list (91). Intend to address groundwater rights (182) in upcoming meetings. Placing all rights in one of three categories:
 - Clearly will be defended
 - Likely defended but nudge needed
 - Unsure, susceptible to being lost
 - Determine who and how to contact once this list is completed.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Flood response
 - Sumas WID decision to develop a media story with flood images and stories was discussed. Supportive but unclear what can and will happen next.
- b. Ditch maintenance
 - Morman and Kamm ditches are filled up by flooding. Need to connect with County about cleaning road ditches. Andy Boller at PW.
- c. WCD Update - Frank

- Working with Joel and DID #5 to resolve concerns. May still need use of our HPA permit.
- Suggested looking at the Flood relief funds to address ditch cleanout needs caused by flooding. Henry and Fred will check into if the WID could file a claim.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – David reviewed December data which was quite good in fecal numbers.
- b. DNA testing – David will be looking for samples that may benefit from DNA sampling.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.southlyndenwid.com
- b. AWB flyer and draft cover letter – reviewed and a second version will be sent to the board in a few weeks. We hope to have a final version prepared before the February board meeting and a letter sent to landowners mid-February. Including more about what we are doing about adjudication and highlighting the upcoming Farmer Rally was suggested.
- c. Family Farmers Rally – Fred noted the date is likely in late February or March and expects to be a place where farmers can become informed about opportunities for help with an adjudication, drainage, and flood management.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Landon adjourned the meeting at 5:00. Next meeting is February 8.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____