

# South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes – February 13, 2024

## Attendees

“(t)” indicates presence via tele-conference, “(p)” indicates proxy vote.

Board – Present	Board – Absent with Notice
Ed Blok ( <i>vice-chair</i> ) Rod VandeHoef Pablo Esquivel Ed Blok	Landon VanDyk

Staff and Consultants	
Name	Organization / Affiliation
Gavin Willis	Ag Water Board
Anna Beebe	Whatcom Conservation District
Elizabeth Hayes	Whatcom Conservation District
Fred Likkel	Whatcom Family Farmers

Other Guests	
Name	Organization / Affiliation
<i>none</i>	

## Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 3:01 pm.

### 1. Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda was reviewed.
- b. January 9 minutes were reviewed.
- c. Financial reports and voucher were reviewed.
- d. Jeff moved to approve the consent agenda. Rod seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### 2. Administration

- a. Jeff signed the oath of office and per diem waiver.

### 3. Ag Water Board / Water Supply

- a. Gavin provided an update on adjudication issues. A draft comment letter to ECY will be circulated to WID board members once it is ready.
- b. Discussion on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan. Comments noted that zoning can lead to land use issues.
  - i. Discussion followed on Lawrence mill location proposed as propane site.
  - ii. Board member noted desire to be able to comment directly to county council, noting that WIDs were a better representation of agriculture than the County’s Ag Advisory Committee.

### 4. Drainage / Habitat / Flood

- a. Fred provided an update on FLIP work. Board members noted that the most recent flood event had levee overtopping earlier and at lower flow levels than landowners had previously seen.

- b. Discussion about management of Scott Ditch near Nolte Rd. Gavin will pursue potential management actions such as hand pruning.

**5. Water Quality**

- a. WQ update – there is a hot spot on Noon Rd, but otherwise things are looking good.
  - i. WSDA inspectors are doing bracket sampling along the hot spot to try to identify the source.

**6. Education / Communications**

- a. March 27<sup>th</sup> is confirmed as the date for the next WFF water rights education event. Will be at 6:30 pm at Northwest Washington Fairgrounds.
  - i. Board noted the need to re-emphasize the point that the worst thing you can do in an adjudication is to do nothing.

**7. Other Items**

- a. None.

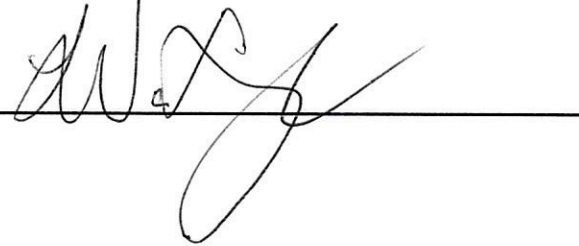
**8. Next Meeting**

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Submitted by Gavin Willis, Ag Water Board

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

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