

# South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Agenda – June 13, 2023, 3 PM

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## 1. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and approval of Apr 11 minutes.
- b. Financial report.

Voucher #	Payee	Purpose	Amount
SL0623	AWB	Sep-Dec AWB	\$28,248.40
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$28,248.40

## 2. Ag Water Board / Water Supply

- a. ECY adjudication budget request and proposed legislation – HB 1792 signed
- b. Watershed Management Board new 5-year plan
  - i. Add settlement, flood, drainage, land use to work plan
  - ii. Add request for full vote for AWB – pending
  - iii. \$350k per year – not available until adjudication is filed, concern over timeline
- c. Local Government Caucus meetings
  - i. AWB fully participating as ex-officio member
  - ii. PUD appointed as chair
  - iii. Agreeing to listen to federal settlement idea

## 3. Drainage / Habitat / Flood

- a. Flood/FLIP update
- b. Ditch maintenance
- c. Buffers
  - i. WCD work session follow-up, including list of landowners in high priority areas
- d. WCD update
- e. Beaver trapping

## 4. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring results
- b. DNA testing
- c. Shellfish protection district update
- d. Report on landowner contacts

## 5. Education / Communications

- a. Website – [southlyndenwid.com](http://southlyndenwid.com)

## 6. Other Items from Commissioners

- a. None

## 7. Next Meetings

- a. Sep 12 / Oct 10

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Minutes – April 11, 2023, 3 PM

*Board Attending:*

- Landon VanDyk                       Jeff DeJong                       Pablo Esquivel
- Rod VandeHoef                       Ed Blok

*Others Attending:*

- Gavin Willis                       Henry Bierlink                       Fred Likkel
  - Anna Beebe                       Shelley Macy                       Frank Corey
  - Alan Chapman                       Bill Clarke                       David Haggith
- x – present      o – absent with notice      t – teleconference      p – proxy*

Landon called the meeting to order at 3:03.

**1. Consent Agenda**

- a. February 14 minutes were reviewed.
- b. Financial report was reviewed.
- c. Jeff moved to approve the consent agenda. Rod seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Ag Water Board / Water Supply**

- a. Henry provided an update on adjudication issues in the legislature
  - i. HB 1792 has passed the legislature and is on the Governor’s desk
  - ii. With regards to the Budget proviso, the Senate had the full request in their budget, and the House only had 50%. Will find out soon what the results of the budget reconciliation are
- b. Gavin and Henry will be meeting with the out-of-stream water users group on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to vet proposals from the project list there, and take them to the Watershed Management Board for approval. It is unlikely that the first meeting of the group will get that far.
- c. The WMB has requested comments for their new 5-year plan. Henry drafted a first response to the survey. Discussion followed about how much we should look to the WMB as the entity to resolve water issues. Board members expressed that agriculture should be a significant point of emphasis for the plan given the interconnectedness between ag and water. A viable water supply for agriculture in order to support local food security should be a component of the WMB plan. Board members also expressed that a consensus model for the WMB may be an impediment to action and minimizes the inventive for useful input from other parties.

**3. Drainage / Habitat / Flood**

- a. Fred mentioned the FLIP team meeting on April 28. So far the modeling has not pointed towards any solutions for the flow split due to the changes of sediment levels and river bottom elevations during high flow and flood events.
- b. The small cities had pushed the county for more action on flood management. Modeling is moving forward on potential action items to study their viability and impacts.
- c. Frank shared a list of potential buffer locations. Discussion followed on the marshy portion of Kamm Creek, and what a buffer might look like there.
  - i. Question from a board member about beaver management as a part of buffer implementation. That is a question that the WID would need to be prepared to answer if it is promoting voluntary buffer programs.
    - 1. Further discussion followed related to beaver dam removal; the WID has an HPA that allows them to do that.
- d. A draft letter from the WID to the State Conservation Commission was shared supporting flexibility in the riparian buffer program. Staff will continue to refine the letter.

#### **4. Water Quality**

- a. David and Anna shared water quality sampling results. Scott Ditch showed some high counts, but county staff have been unable to identify the source. Board members shared that some of the high counts are in areas where no manure spreading has occurred, and suggested that the high counts may be due to avian influences.
  - i. Past minutes from Nov. 9, 2021 showed that David has been authorized to spend up to \$1000 each year on DNA testing.
- b. Shellfish district does not have any updates at this time.

#### **5. Education / Communications**

- a. Gavin provided an update on the Carbon Tax issue where farms are not receiving the exemption that they are entitled to. The result is an additional cost to farmers of 50-70 cents per gallon. A legislative fix looks unlikely at this point.
- b. Website – [southlyndenwid.com](http://southlyndenwid.com)

#### **6. Other Items from Commissioners**

- a. None

#### **7. Next Meetings**

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13th at 3 PM.

Landon adjourned the meeting at 4:33.

Submitted by Gavin Willis, Ag Water Board

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

## South Lynden WID Financial Report 2023

Monthly P & L

2023 Budget vs Actual

	Jan/Feb	March/April	May/June	July/August ;/	YTD Actual	Budget	Committed Outstanding	Uncommitted / over budget
<b>Income</b>								
Assessments Rcvd	\$ 3,309.42	\$ 27,422.82	\$ 24,857.55		\$ 55,589.79	\$ 99,992	\$ 44,402	\$ -
Grant/Misc. Income					\$ -			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,309.42</b>	<b>\$ 27,422.82</b>	<b>\$ 24,857.55</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 55,589.79</b>	<b>\$ 99,992</b>	<b>\$ 44,402</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Expenses</b>								
<b>General</b>	<b>\$ (28,248.40)</b>	<b>\$ (28,248.40)</b>	<b>\$ (28,248.40)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (84,745.20)</b>	<b>\$ (88,745)</b>	<b>\$ (3,000)</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
Ag Water Board	\$ (28,248.40)	\$ (28,248.40)	\$ (28,248.40)		\$ (84,745.20)	\$ (84,745)	\$ 0	\$ -
WA State Auditor/Elections					\$ -	\$ (1,000)		\$ 1,000
Enduris - insurance					\$ -	\$ (3,000)	\$ (3,000)	\$ -
<b>Projects</b>	<b>\$ (53,589.01)</b>	<b>\$ (5,294.75)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (58,883.76)</b>	<b>\$ (11,247)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (47,637)</b>
N3 - quality monitoring	\$ (3,272.75)	\$ (5,294.75)			\$ (8,567.50)			
Permit fees	\$ (316.26)				\$ (316.26)			
WID loan Fund	\$ (50,000.00)				\$ (50,000.00)			
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (81,837.41)</b>	<b>\$ (33,543.15)</b>	<b>\$ (28,248.40)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (143,628.96)</b>	<b>\$ (99,992)</b>	<b>\$ (3,000)</b>	<b>\$ (46,637)</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$ (78,527.99)</b>	<b>\$ (6,120.33)</b>	<b>\$ (3,390.85)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (88,039.17)</b>			
Starting Balance	\$ 141,851.50	\$ 63,323.51	\$ 57,203.18	\$ 53,812.33	\$ 141,851.50	\$ 141,851.50	<i>Balance from previous years</i>	
End Balance	\$ 63,323.51	\$ 57,203.18	\$ 53,812.33	\$ 53,812.33	\$ 53,812.33	\$ 53,812.33	<b>\$ 141,852</b>	