

# South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: April 12, 2022 Meeting, 3 pm

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Meeting ID: 825 8492 4318 Passcode: 083540

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

Henry Bierlink                       Shelly Macy                       Fred Likkel  
 Alan Chapman                       Katie Faber                       Jay Chennault  
 David Haggith                       Katie Stafford                       Jake De Hoog  
 Aneka Sweeney                       Heather McKay                       Sherm Polinder  
*x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference*

Landon called the meeting to order at 3:07.

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of March 15, 2022 minutes
- b. Financial Report

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SL0422	N3	water monitoring	\$ 741.00
		<b>TOTAL VOUCHER</b>	<b>\$ 741.00</b>

Jeff moved approval of the Consent Agenda provided the draft minutes addressing the ditch cleanup after the flood was corrected, Ed seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Water supply update
  - AWB contracted with Somach Law - focus on building alternatives to adjudication – federal, settlement options
  - Legal – Water Supply Team members preparing contract with same legal team
- b. Solutions Table
  - County working with Jay and Maia anticipating a May/June start –draft is being considered
  - Linking with proviso supporting federal involvement in water mgt. (flood, supply, habitat)
  - Project List – to be offered at Solutions Table
    - i. Surface to ground conversion candidates – grant application submitted
- c. Water Right acquisition candidates
  - Determine who and how to contact
  - Menu of options for landowners – use Bertrand transfer project as a template for others
  - Will be working on a clear set of options to present to the water right holders we identified as uncertain if they would be defending their rights in an adjudication.
- d. [North County Interlocal Agreement](#) – draft was provided by Dan E. – Ed moved that the SLWID approve the Agreement, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Flood recovery
  - County road ditch cleaning – Fred has not talked to he County yet about concerns related to flood recovery.
  - Fred reported there was \$600k at the Conservation Commission slated for helping farmers with flood recovery.
- b. Ditch maintenance

- Jake from DID #21 asked if they could use the WID permit to remove vegetation from Scott Ditch and trap beaver. Ed moved to allow DID #21 to use our permit to do this, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - The 5 year HPA ends in September. Frank has been asked to help us renew the permit.
- c. WCD Update – Henry reported that Alan Chapman has called attention to the update of the Long Range Plan and a survey the CD is circulating that would help guide that plan. A key issue is creating stable (non-grant) funding for the CD. They are seeking advice on asking the County for a per parcel fee. The board noted that an Ag Engineer was a key need for farmers. The board was encouraged to fill out the survey and make that need clear. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVNTT6Z>

#### **IV. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – David noted the numbers were generally quite good.
- b. DNA testing – David has submitted a few DNA samples. A recent sample from Sumas indicated predominately avian influence. Ed suggested the Bylsma Road site would be a good place to submit DNA samples.
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – an update of the strategy is ongoing. Most of the proposed changes are to rural residential and hobby farms.

#### **V. Education/Communications**

- a. Website – [www.southlyndenwid.com](http://www.southlyndenwid.com)
- b. WFF Educational Event – May 25<sup>th</sup> – the board was asked for ideas on what should be covered. It is anticipated we'd have an afternoon educational session(s) followed by the Farmer Rally in the early evening. The Board suggested involvement from attorneys, local land use attorneys, and Jay Chennault.

#### **VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

Landon adjourned the meeting at 4:13. Next meetings are May 10, June 14, although the May meeting is likely to be cancelled as field work should be the priority.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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