

# South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: October 17, 2017 Meeting, 1pm – 3pm

*Meeting moved from regular October 10<sup>th</sup> date*

**Ag Central** 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Ed Blok                       Jeff De Jong                       Landon Van Dyk  
 Rod Vande Hoef               Rolf Haugen

Henry Bierlink                       Dale Buys                       Fred Likkel  
 Frank Corey                       Joel Ingram                       Scott Bedlington  
 Aneka Sweeney                       Heather McKay                       Roger Blok  
x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference

### I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of September 12 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1				
2017 Assessments Received		\$43,283.04		
Fund Balance                      9/1/2017		\$60,110.02		
Fund Balance                      10/1/2017		\$45,862.53		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$45,862.53
Outstanding bills:				<b>\$10,605.34</b>
Ag Water Board <i>Sept. Oct AWB Admin</i>			<b>\$8,869.34</b>	
Ag Water Board <i>Water quality monitoring</i>			<b>\$1,176.00</b>	
N3 <i>Water quality monitoring</i>			<b>\$560.00</b>	
<b>End of Month Balance</b>				<b>\$35,257.19</b>
	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>		<u>Balance</u>
AWB	53,216	44,346.70		8,869.30
Projects	21,109	9,951.48	(\$9,500 for DNA)	11,157.52
Insurance/Adm	4,191	2,994.67		1,196.33
	<b>78,516</b>	<b>57,292.85</b>		<b>21,223.15</b>

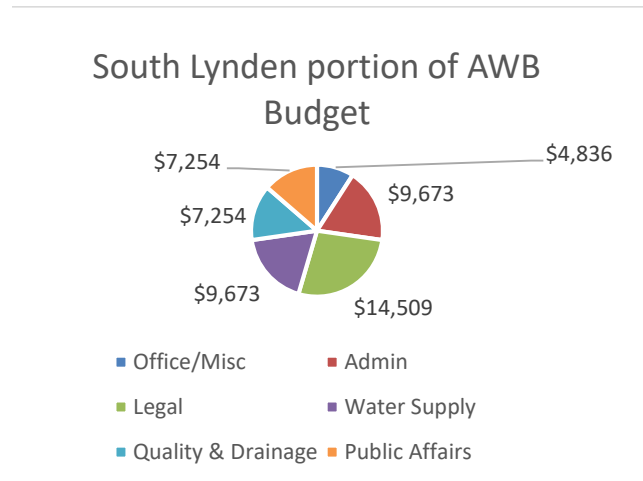
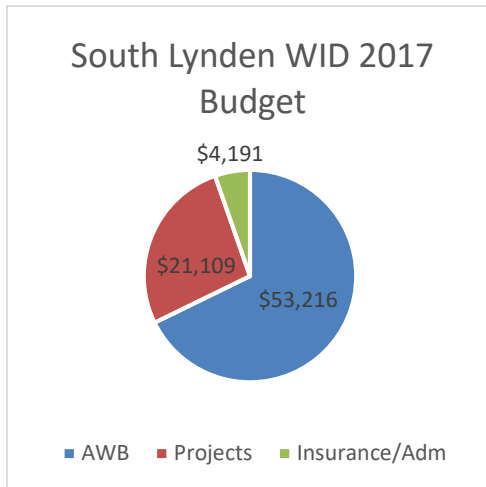
Jeff moved approval of the Consent agenda, Landon seconded, motion approved unanimously.

### II. Administrative

- A. Review Priority Issue and Activity lists

Priorities	2017 Action Priorities	Notes/Actions
1a. Water Quality	Work with resources on DNA sequencing	Initiated Scott Ditch pilot program
	Continue water quality testing	
1b. Water Rights	Work on water rights...obtain, distribute water rights...lobby to get it done	Address use it or lose it
3. Drainage	Complete 5 –year Programmatic Plan	completed
4. Flood Management	Gravel removal, interaction with County Flood Mgt	<i>Develop an ongoing application for gravel removal.</i>

- B. Comprehensive Plan preparation – Heather – the board approved the current draft for website posting with direction to update the stream classification map on page 37.
- C. 2018 Workplan & Budget
  - Jeff moved approval of 2017-1 setting the 2018 rate at \$6/acre, Landon seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - Resolution 2017-2 – Adopting the 2018 Assessment Roll – Landon moved approval of 2017-2, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - November 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Equalization – Henry noted the need for a quorum at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.



### III. Water Supply

- A. Water Supply Work Group report – Henry updated the Board on the following elements which are beginning to build towards a renewed “Drainage Based Management” effort to implement the county-wide strategies developed in the Watershed Management Plan.
  - Renewed push for drainage by drainage negotiations leading to binding agreements
  - Support from State via \$450k budget request
  - Supported by the Planning Unit
  - Support building via Baker to Bay and upcoming Water Supply symposium

### IV. Drainage/Habitat

- A. Ditch maintenance – the project on Ritter Road was reviewed. Joel and Frank outlined their concerns over the work done outside the permit. Roger noted his belief that he was working in a constructed ditch. There were conflicting maps supporting both conclusions. The board expressed the need to make sure this confusion is addressed. It also becomes clear that the WID board needs to be involved in the projects to a greater degree. Henry was directed to check with Bill Clarke on the legality of how the stream classification maps are developed.
- B. DID meeting reports – Kamm, Cougar, Scott – not addressed
- C. Sediment removal application on Nooksack River – not addressed

### V. Water Quality

- A. South Lynden source tracking project – no results yet.
- B. Monitoring Results – nothing out of the ordinary

### VI. Education/Communications

- A. Website - [www.southlyndenwid.com](http://www.southlyndenwid.com)
- B. Water Supply Symposium – meeting has been rescheduled to December 13<sup>th</sup>. Bill Clarke and Chuck Lindsay will be presenting.

- C. WFF November 2 Farmer Rally – Fred encouraged the board to attend and let others know about it. Landon and Rod are likely candidates to attend.
- D. Floodplain Implementation Plan – Fred alerted the Board to a November 2, 10am meeting where Ned Currence of the Nooksack Tribe will be presenting on fish needs. He felt this would be a great opportunity for WID members to ask questions to both better understand the fish issues and to challenge the fish advocates on conflicting stories.
- E. NLWID Newsletter – Henry showed the e-newsletter developed by the NLWID as an example to follow. Templates have been built for all the WIDs. What is needed is pictures of projects that the WID helped develop and an email list of WID members. Henry and Fred will work on the list.

## **VII. Ag Water Board**

- A. Winter newsletter will be produced. Subject ideas are welcomed.
- B. Portage Bay Partnership update – no new news.

## **VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting**

November 14

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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