

# South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: February 13, 2018 Meeting, 1pm – 3pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

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

Henry Bierlink                       Meg Harris                       Fred Likkel  
 Andy Ross                       Kent Oostra                       Ryan McLaughlin

David Haggith                       Sherm Polinder  
*x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference*

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of January 9 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>1/1/2018</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>2/1/201</u>	<u>ANNUAL TOTAL</u>
2017 Assessments Received		\$455.24		\$455.24
Fund Balance	\$60,825.05		\$46,674.99	
Beginning Year Balance			\$60,825.05	
Outstanding bills:				<b>\$6,036.30</b>
Ag Water Board <i>Feb AWB</i>			<b>\$4,433.30</b>	
N3 <i>Water Quality testing</i>			<b>\$672.00</b>	
WA State Auditor <i>2017 Audit</i>			<b>\$931.00</b>	
<b>End of Month Balance</b>				<b>\$40,638.69</b>
	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	53,200	8,866.60		44,333.40
Projects	22,268	672.00	\$0.00	21,596.00
Insurance/Adm	3,000	931.00		2,069.00
	<b>78,468</b>	<b>10,469.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>67,998.40</b>

Jeff moved approval of the amended financial report and the minutes, Ed seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### II. Ag Water Board

- a. Strategic Planning sessions – The Ag Water Board is focusing on crafting a clear set of positions conveying our perspectives on what needs to happen at the Watershed Management Board. The next meeting is set for February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- b. County response to water legislation
  1. Moratorium on accepting building permits has been lifted
  2. Update watershed plan to address in-stream flow goals – advancing projects that enhance watershed health must be included in the Plan Addendum due in February, 2019.
  3. Planning Unit as place for community discussion – The AWB has worked to rejuvenate the drainage seat on the Planning Unit. Fred will serve as lead backed up by Loren Vander Yacht and Jeff De Jong.
  4. AWB’s place in Management Board has been made official. We are an “AD HOC” member.
  5. The overall goal of cooperating within the Management Board was questioned. Are there better means of achieving our ends? And would we be better off letting go of the effort to preserve a farmland base and recognize that the odds are stacked against us. Recognizing this would change our strategy from seeking to find agreements and tools that would manage water to ensuring that there is continued ability to sell off parcels for development that have access to water.

- c. AWB “Next Steps” proposal is continuing to get internal feedback from the WIDs. The AWB has a goal of making this proposal public in later March.
  1. Vet with Lummi – AWB wants Lummi feedback before the ideas are presented to the public. How to best approach Lummi is being explored.
  2. Present as logical progression of the process they outlined in 2015 – a draft of our proposal indicating how it follows behind the ideas Lummi presented in 2015 was discussed.
  3. Changes to the transitional language between the Tribal proposal and the AWB proposal were suggested.
- d. Winter newsletter – The AWB newsletter is in final layout and should be out later this month.

### **III. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – David reported most sites were clean. There was discussion of a report of high counts that later was determined to be in error. Yet the high numbers were still on the on-line map. The WID requested inaccurate numbers be removed from the database.
- b. ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – Double Ditch site is operational. Fred is hopeful it will help understand the very high counts coming across the border periodically.
- c. South Lynden source tracking project report – Ryan and Kent of Exact Scientific gave an initial report of their findings on the Scott Ditch project. They will have results of the whole water sampling soon. We will try to have this report at our March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The results to-date were interesting to review and try to understand. It adds to the repository of information that is needed to better manage the watershed.
- d. Future DNA work - Fred noted the State budget has \$125k devoted to this type of work. The Conservation Commission will have to go through a RFP process to distribute it.

### **IV. Education/Communications**

- a. Website - [www.southlyndenwid.com](http://www.southlyndenwid.com)
- b. E-Newsletter – still an idea. Needs content and a list of emails.

### **V. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

March 13

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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