

# South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: April 14, 2020 Meeting, 3 pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 927 496 166

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

  x Henry Bierlink                t Corina Cheever                t Fred Likkel  
  t Alan Chapman                t David Haggith              \_\_\_\_\_ Dan Noteboom  
*x = present*                      *o = absent with notice*                      *t = teleconference*

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of March 10 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*

N3 Consulting	wq monitoring - Feb	<b>\$747.50</b>
	TOTAL - Month	<b>\$747.50</b>

Rod moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication Position Paper
  - Checking draft with local partners
  - Release to general public late April – seek support for our position
  - Send to Ecology in early May
  - Board indicated approval of the process and content
- b. Application for grant to complete more projects identified in DBM – submitted, \$500k – this will continue the work started under the \$150k grant we are currently working on.

### III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Flood Committee update – Fred noted that the Flood Committee had approved the Duffner tidegate project for funding and looked favorably at the Cougar Creek tidegate for future funding. A new grant for these types of projects has been submitted and would become available in summer 2021.
- b. Fish screens – Corina asked the board about their interest in having the CD work with the fish screening programs available thru WDFW. She had researched the surface water rights in the SLWID as potential candidates for screens. She is investigating the potential of establishing a funding program thru the WCD that would cover nearly 100% of the costs of upgrading screens to meet new regulatory standards. She asked the board for contacts for irrigators that might have an interest in the program. The board encouraged her to pursue this and they would help develop the list of those to contact.

### IV. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – David circulated recent monitoring results. A high hit a few weeks ago was a mystery but the numbers have been much lower since. David will ask WSDA about the legitimacy of that result with a goal of having it removed from the record. Jeff felt that the snow geese contribution had to be closely examined.
- b. DNA project – Proposal from Exact Scientific – Fred summarized the project proposals that Kent Oostra had submitted. There were 5 separate modules that focused on potential risk areas, each with a budget for completion. The proposed modules are:

• Dairy/Beef	\$ 9,650
• Avian	\$20,000
• Domesticated animal	\$19,200
• Human	\$17,000
• 1 animal source	<u>\$ 5,300</u>
	<b>\$71,150</b>

The Laurel WID board felt that this would be best coordinated by the AWB as all farmers would benefit from this work. Starting with one module was the consensus and see if we could build on that. Other WIDs have joined in that approach. Jeff moved to allocate \$5,000 of the SLWID project budget to focus on the Avian module, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously. The goal will be for all the other WIDs to contribute proportionally to the \$20k project budget.

**V. Education/Communications**

- a. Website – [www.southlyndenwid.com](http://www.southlyndenwid.com)
- b. Ag Engineer support position – Henry reported that the AWB board had appointed a committee to study the options and make a recommendation to the WIDs in the next months. Fred is facilitating the committee which is made up of Ed Blok, Terry Lensen, Scott Bedlington, and Rod Vande Hoef.

**VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

May 12 – likely postponed  
June 9

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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