

# North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: March 16, 2021 Meeting, 10 am

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 872 6178 0728 Passcode: 921778

### Board Attending:

Brad Rader                       Harman Brar                       Kevin Te Velde  
 Kevin Engelsma                       Larry Stap

### Others Attending:

Randy Roncoop                       Henry Bierlink                       Alan Chapman  
 Fred Likkel                       Steve Banham                       Meg Harris  
 Heather MacKay                       Mark Sandal                       Erika Douglas  
*x = present    o = absent with notice    t = teleconference    p = proxy*

Larry convened the meeting at 10:04.

## I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of February 16 Minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

Voucher #	Payee	Purpose	Amount
NL0321	Ag Water Board	March, April AWB	\$5,041.00
<b>TOTAL VOUCHER</b>			<b>\$5,041.00</b>

Kevin moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Brad seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
  - Legislature – considering Gov’s request and a version of the budget proviso we helped to develop that doesn’t assume we are on a clear path to an adjudication.
  - County Executive proposal – not progressing until after the Legislative session as Tribes won’t commit to it unless an adjudication path is advancing.
  - Tribal letters – recent letters from the Tribes to the AWB were discussed.
  - Cascadia Policy Solutions - Maia, Jay – engaged by County, hoping they can bring some sanity to whatever direction the Legislature provides.
- b. Watershed Management Board projects
  - Drainage Based Management – outline provided – a good start with good participation.
  - Regional Water Supply Plan – data collection and analysis phase completed. Evaluating management options.
- c. Other WID projects with supply implications
  - S Lyn – PUD pipeline, Lynden MAR, Bellingham Middle Fork
  - Drayton – Deep Aquifer, Water Bank, augmentation

## III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Reichhardt and Ebe contract – Kevin moved approval of the contract which provides assistance to NLWID landowners in preparing drainage improvement projects with a limit of \$2,000/project and a total maximum annually of \$10,000, Brad seconded motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ditch Maintenance - direction to County PW on problem areas:
  - West Depot Road ditch
  - Road sinking at culvert sites
- c. Beaver trapping – largest issue is on old Sterk farm in Bertrand WID

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

- a. Monitoring Results – Erika showed a clean map indicating few recent problem areas. The numbers from BC are better as well although a composting site upstream of the Provincial Park still creates occasional issues.
- b. DNA project – Avian project - remains slowed although some analysis has occurred.
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update
- d. Report on landowner contacts – a farm along Double Ditch and a farm on Benson Road were discussed.

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

- a. Review of Website – [www.northlyndenwid.com](http://www.northlyndenwid.com)
  - Reference to legal strategy addressing adjudication
  - Assistance with failing culverts and drainage issues
  - Communication through WFF newsletters
  - Cooperation with PW on ditch maintenance

#### **VI. Other Items from Commissioners**

- a. Alan reported the WCD election date is the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Nominations for the appointed position are due before the end of March.
- b. Kevin TV moved to start future NLWID meetings at 9am instead of 10, Harmon seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### **VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

Larry adjourned the meeting at 10:46. Next meeting is April 20

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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