

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: March 19, 2019 Meeting, 10 am - Noon

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

Board Attending:

Brad Rader Harman Brar Kevin Te Velde
 Kevin Engelsma Larry Stap

Others Attending:

Meg Harris Henry Bierlink Chris Elder
 Fred Likkel Mark Sandal Jeff Cedarbaum
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference p = proxy

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of February 19 Minutes
 - b. Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*
- Kevin TV moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Kevin E seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Drainage Based Management – Henry reported
 - Expect Ecology funding – should know mid-March
 - Puget Sound Partnership Near Term Action funding possible
 - One of the elements in the WRIA #1 5-year Action Plan
 - Meetings to set up where, when, and how DBM occurs
 - Likely beginning in Drayton, Bertrand
 - Establish a Core Group that works together in each drainage – 2 WID, 2 County, 2 Tribe, PUD, WDFW, DOE.
- b. Watershed Management Board and Planning Unit update
 - PU continuing to work on update to 2005 Plan
 - Management Board returning to implementing 5-year workplan

III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Pepin Creek project – no update
- b. Spray permit plans – obtain the permit to spray the same ditches plus the Fishtrap mitigation site.
- c. Meeting with County – Fred will try to arrange a meeting with the County Road crew to discuss drainage projects in all the WIDs this summer/fall. Probably will be around 2pm on April 9 the between the Sumas and South Lynden WID meetings.

IV. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – good with some exceptions. The Visser/Depot ditch remains inexplicitly high. N3 and WSDA are working with the dairy. Brad will talk with the berry farmer. There seems to be a high % of *klebsiella* in the tests.
- b. Ecology Nitrate monitoring project – Fred exploring best sites. Kevin TV has some potential sites and a unused well. Perhaps a site along the border on J & J's berry field.
- c. Portage Bay – on January 23rd the opening of the spring closure was announced. WFF provided a press release celebrating this success story. Whatcom County issued a press release yesterday.
- d. Florometer – Jeff noted that Ecology has use of a florometer for a few months which can help to identify if septic waste is influencing counts. It is being used at Depot/Visser.

V. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.northlyndenwid.com
- b. PDR program – Chris reiterated the opportunity to apply for ag easements through the PDR program. The current application deadline was extended to September 15.
- c. Ag Advisory Committee – Chris reported the committee was examining the effectiveness of the Ag Protection Overlay and seeing if there were ways to strengthen it.

- d. Open Public Meetings Act training was provided for Board members

VI. Other Items from Commissioners

- a. Intersection safety – letter to County – County is out investigating. The Pangborn/Northwood intersection was also noted.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

April 16

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____