

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 16, 2018 Meeting, 10 am - Noon

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

Board Attending:

 t Brad Rader x Harman Brar x Kevin Te Velde
 Jeff Bedlington x Larry Stap

Others Attending:

 Erika Douglas x Henry Bierlink x Chris Elder
 x Fred Likkel x Steve Banham x Meg Harris
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference p = proxy

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of September 18 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

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

II. Administrative

- a. Jeff's position – It doesn't appear that Jeff's plan to get his son-in-law eligible to be a WID board member will occur soon. Brad and Larry will ask him to consider submitting a resignation.
- b. Board term expires for Larry and Brad – Harman moved to nominate Brad for another term, Kevin seconded, motion carried unanimously. Brad moved to nominate Larry for another term, Kevin seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- c. 2019 Workplan & Budget
 - Resolution 2018-1 – Setting the 2019 Assessment Rate and Budget – Brad moved approval of Resolution 2018-1, Kevin seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - Resolution 2018-2 – Adopting the 2019 Assessment Roll - Brad moved approval of Resolution 2018-2, Harman seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - November 20th Board of Equalization

DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE – all Watershed Improvement Districts

Residents within the Bertrand, Drayton, Laurel, North Lynden, South Lynden, and Sumas Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to:

1) Nominate candidates for election to the Board of the District – two positions in Bertrand, one in Drayton, one in Laurel, two in North Lynden, one in South Lynden, and one in Sumas – candidates must file with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, not later than five o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in November.

2) Inspect the 2019 Assessment Roll and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in the Bertrand will be heard at 2pm, November 12th, for Sumas at 1pm, November 13th, for South Lynden at 3pm, November 13th, for Laurel at 10am, November 12th, for North Lynden at 10am, November 20th, and for Drayton at 3pm, November 20th, all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 24th to November 12th.

Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.

Public Notice must be published in Lynden Tribune October 17, 24, 31

III. Ag Water Board – Water Supply

- a. AWB/Tribal meetings – Water Supply committee met with Nooksack Monday. Meeting with Lummi is still pending.
- b. Watershed Management Board and Planning Unit update
 - List of top mitigation for rural wells projects released – ag projects are at the top of the list.

- Building support for AG priorities with other caucuses – hopefully resulting in letters of support for a grant application due this month.
- c. Ecology grant application – ag projects included:
 - Funds for farmers to transfer surface rights to groundwater
 - Funds for stream augmentation
 - Develops Credit for AG when implementing stream projects through a Water Bank/Exchange
 - Drainage Based Mgt – begin this fall/winter
 - Provides for inventory of ag rights and water needs.
 - Water conservation added.
 - PUD is open to administering the grant – AWB would be a sub-contractor.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Heeringa weed control – Brad contacted All Season Spraying to control weeds.
- b. Review of drainage work done in 2018, what is needed in 2019 – The Prairie Road ditch by Buzz, the culvert on the old Bergsma place. Larry wondered about paying for some of these items from the WID and asking for repayment from the landowners over time. Larry will talk with Joel about the best course of action in these areas.
- c. City of Lynden projects – Steve Banham outlined a change in plans for Lynden’s management of the overflows in the Pepin Creek addition. They are likely to channel the peaks of high water through a pipe originating near Badger Road and pipe it directly to Fishtrap Creek.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Meg noted the counts were low. Good ditch maintenance contributed to that. Lynden had a few high counts and the City has been diligent in pursuing solutions to these issues.
- b. DNA source tracking project report – CD looking for sampling sites, wildlife
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Spring closures may be lifted in light of positive results during this period. The highest counts seem to originate in BC. BC is showing more effort in monitoring but the tools they have to force improvement are far behind ours. The Bertrand and NLWID are planning to send a letter to Executive Louws calling attention to the cross border concerns.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.northlyndenwid.com
- b. WID Newsletter – should go out in late October, early November. Needs a report from the WID on 2018 activities. Items mentioned were quality monitoring, ditch maintenance, 5-year permit, Fishtrap plantings.
- c. WFF – REAL campaign – Fred called attention to several media contacts and events and noted the Farmer Rally planned for November 8th.
- d. RCPP grant – Chris reported he would be recruiting feedback from WID boards to use the grant funds as strategically as possible to support farmland protection.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

November 20 – Kevin noted he could not attend. He will submit a proxy ballot.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____