

# North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: September 15, 2020 Meeting, 10 am

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 846 2861 0713 Passcode: 666539

### Board Attending:

Brad Rader                       Harman Brar                       Kevin Te Velde  
 Kevin Engelsma                       Larry Stap

### Others Attending:

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

Larry called the meeting to order at 10:10.

## I. Consent Agenda

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

NL0920	Ag Water Board	September AWB	\$1,979.91
NL0920	Enduris	annual insurance	\$1,385.00
NL0920	All Season Spraying	ditch spray	\$1,954.09
		TOTAL VOUCHER	\$5,161.74

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

## II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
  - Ecology report due September 1 – delayed until September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Upper Columbia and Nooksack were recommended and Ecology is looking for a \$1 million in Legislative funding to get these adjudications prepared. Wouldn't file until later 2023.
  - Adjudication supported only by Tribes, Fishers, and environmental
  - Plan for Legislative education is being prepared by the AWB. .
  - Family Farmers has a campaign to inform the community of the concerns surrounding an adjudication and has generated many letters to the Governor and Ecology expressing our concerns.
  - AWB is preparing 2021 budget. Some discussion of asking more from the WIDs to prepare for adjudication.
- b. County Executive proposal
  - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
  - Seeking support from water users – initial feedback from the Tribes has been positive.
  - We are urging that this not create a “new” process but to energize the current work being done under the Management Board – regional water supply planning and drainage based management.

### III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Spray program has been completed
- b. Ditch maintenance
  - a. Bender Road – several culvert problems in what is declared a fish presence ditch. But no programs interested in funding replacements since it is such a low priority fish stream. Fred is trying a water quality argument. Several property owners are spending funds with Dale at Reichhardt and Ebe and are asking for help. Henry will talk with Dale and propose a “retainer” like relationship for the board to consider in October.
  - b. West Depot Rd.- punted until 2021.
  - c. Assink Rd. – Brad moved to approve the use of the NLWID’s HPA by the County for Assink ditch cleaning, Kevin E seconded, motion carried unanimously. There was adequate “banked mitigation” to cover any mitigation need.
  - d. Double Ditch – the failed culvert on the Bajema property is being addressed by NSEA. There is EQIP funding in 2021.

### IV. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Meg reported that most results were good but a few isolated areas have raised concerns. The PIC program has sent letters to 53 landowners throughout the County providing information on addressing quality issues. 5 of these were in the Fishtrap.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated but slowly. Fred reported that Kent could not get the extra labor help he had counted on from Karen Steensma’s students because of the border shutdown. The CD has offered to help in November and December.
- c. EQIP – The CD sent a schedule for EQIP requests. It is not clear who can help farmers prepare applications with Chris Clark moving south. He is still helping with ongoing contracts. However, new applications may be more difficult. Frank Corey is willing to help on habitat related projects.
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – tests have been pretty good. Some concerns on the mainstem and some higher numbers above Everson.

### V. Education/Communications

- a. Website – [www.northlyndenwid.com](http://www.northlyndenwid.com)
- b. Fall newsletter – need to get out information about EQIP deadlines.

### VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Larry adjourned the meeting at 11:31.  
October 20  
November 17

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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