

# North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: February 20, 2018 Meeting, 10am – Noon

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

### Board Attending:

Brad Rader                       Harman Brar                       Kevin Te Velde  
 Jeff Bedlington                       Larry Stap

### Others Attending:

Erika Douglas                       Henry Bierlink                       Blake Te Velde  
 Fred Likkel                       Chris Leukins                       Lia Shields  
*x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference*

## I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of January 9 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>1/1/2018</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>2/1/2018</u>	<u>ANNUAL TOTAL</u>
2017 Assessments Received		\$0.00		
Fund Balance	\$14,036.46		\$8,307.98	
Beginning Year Balance			\$14,036.46	
Outstanding bills:				<b>\$2,000.71</b>
Ag Water Board	<i>Feb AWB</i>		<b>\$2,000.71</b>	
<b>End of Month Balance</b>				<b>\$6,307.27</b>
	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	\$24,009	4,001.42		20,007.58
Projects	\$9,503			9,503.00
Insurance/Adm	\$1,900			1,900.00
	<b>\$35,412</b>	<b>4,001.42</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>31,410.58</b>

Kevin moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Harman seconded, motion carried unanimously. Anticipated expenses in 2018 include: \$1500 – spray, \$1500 - project prep, mow, \$4000 – Benson cleanout

## II. Administrative

- a. Review Priority Issue and Activity lists – the Action list on the website was reviewed.
- b. Proxy – Henry was directed to look into the ability for board members to provide a substitute from their farm to attend and vote at board meetings.

## III. Ag Water Board

- a. Strategic Planning sessions – The Ag Water Board is focusing on crafting a clear set of positions conveying our perspectives on what needs to happen at the Watershed Management Board. The next meeting is set for February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- b. County response to water legislation
  1. Moratorium on accepting building permits has been lifted
  2. Update watershed plan to address in-stream flow goals – advancing projects that enhance watershed health must be included in the Plan Addendum due in February, 2019.
  3. Planning Unit as place for community discussion – The AWB has worked to rejuvenate the drainage seat on the Planning Unit. Fred will serve as lead backed up by Loren Vander Yacht and Jeff De Jong.
  4. AWB’s place in Management Board has been made official. We are an “AD HOC” member.
- c. AWB “Next Steps” proposal is continuing to get internal feedback from the WIDs. The AWB has a goal of making this proposal public in later March.

1. Vet with Lummi – AWB wants Lummi feedback before the ideas are presented to the public. How to best approach Lummi is being explored.
  2. Present as logical progression of the process they outlined in 2015 – a draft of our proposal indicating how it follows behind the ideas Lummi presented in 2015 was discussed.
- d. Winter newsletter – The AWB newsletter is in final layout and should be out later this month.

#### **IV. Drainage/Habitat**

- a. Ditch maintenance – identify specific projects for work. A brief meeting on March 20 followed by a tour of potential cleanout sites with the County and WDFW was suggested. This might be done in conjunction with Bertrand and Drayton as well.
- b. Heeringa site mitigation – Brad has a team including LCHS and NSEA ready to do once the weather cooperates. Including students from Lummi has been suggested.
- c. Benson Culvert – Brad will Frank De Vries
- d. Spraying – west side of Double Ditch – Bertrand is OK with spraying small sections of the west Double Ditch. The Feddema property is OK. Perhaps a few more.
- e. Beaver – Beaver on the Vande Voort/De Haan habitat restoration are creating a flooding problem for the Zylstra property.

#### **V. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – Erika reported most sites were clean. There were high counts after the large 1/28 rainfall.
- b. Canada – Erika reported a meeting with Canadian regulatory agencies was upcoming.
- c. Sediment – A few ERTS on sediment have been reported. Chris reported that this was not a new priority for Ecology but simply follow-up on some questionable practices.
- d. ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – Double Ditch site is operational.
- e. South Lynden source tracking project report – Ryan and Kent of Exact Scientific gave an initial report of their findings on the Scott Ditch project to the South Lynden WID. They will have results of the whole water sampling soon. The results to-date were interesting to review and try to understand. It adds to the repository of information that is needed to better manage the watershed.
- f. Future DNA work – Fred noted the State budget has \$125k devoted to this type of work. The Conservation Commission will have to go through a RFP process to distribute it.

#### **VI. Education/Communications**

- a. Website - [www.northlyndenwid.com](http://www.northlyndenwid.com)
- b. E-Newsletter – we have not followed up with another edition. We will whenever the need to inform our constituents is clear.
- c. Small Farm Expo – WCD has organized an opportunity for small, and large, farms to get access to Water quality information at this Expo to be held February 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

March 20

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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