

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: November 20, 2018 Meeting, 10 am - Noon

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

Board Attending:

Brad Rader Harman Brar Kevin Te Velde (Larry)
 Jeff Bedlington Larry Stap

Others Attending:

Erika Douglas Henry Bierlink Blake Te Velde
 Fred Likkell Meg Harris Kevin Engelsma
 Alan Chapman Randy Honcoop Chris Leurkins
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference p = proxy

Board of Equalization Hearing

Public has opportunity to contest Assessments. WID board must determine if petitioners provide clear evidence they would not receive value from WID actions equal to the Assessment amount. WID Board could vote to eliminate or reduce the assessment on individual parcels. Once completed the Regular Board Meeting commences.

Larry opened the Board of Equalization Hearing. With no comments Harmon moved to close the hearing, Kevin (Larry) seconded, motion carried unanimously.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 16 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

Harmon moved to approved the Consent Agenda, Kevin (Larry) seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Board reelection – Larry and Brad have another 3-year term
- b. Jeff submitted resignation – appointment process is to have the board nominate a replacement that would serve until the next election period in fall, 2019. This nominee would be submitted to the County Council for appointment. Harmon nominated Kevin Engelsma to fill the position vacated by Jeff, Brad seconded, motion carried unanimously.

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. AWB/Tribal meetings – Nooksack meeting was held in September. Lummi meeting is still pending.
- b. Watershed Management Board and Planning Unit update
 - Debate over fees (\$500), max amount (3000 gpd), meters – PU provisionally approved no change in the fees or amount and elected to have voluntary metering leading to needed data collection on rural water use. Several members of the Management Board are opposed to this and this will have to be resolved in order for the Plan to be approved by the February 1st deadline.
 - Deadline for PU approval of the final plan is December 12
- c. Ecology grant application – grant submitted 10/31, notice in late December
 - Funding for surface to ground transfers and augmentation projects
 - Credit for AG when implementing stream projects
 - Water Bank/Exchange
 - Drainage Based Mgt – begin in January – likely Drayton and Bertrand
 - Impact on AWB budget, workplan – We will be busy implementing projects rather than just talking about them if the grant is approved.
- d. Flood Management grant application – ranked 1st in State, submitted by WC Flood
 - Funding for a yet to be determined ag/flooding/fish project
 - AWB staff time spent on the FLIP process in 2019-2021
 - Impact on AWB budget, workplan – funds would not be available until July.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Ditch maintenance – the value of spraying a portion of the west side of Double Ditch was noted.
- b. Pepin Creek relocation – The City is working on this project. Meg sent them a list of the contacts in BC.
- c. BC work – work north of the border had an impact on Double Ditch. A culvert was replaced. A list of the contacts north of the border should be sent to Larry as our President so they can have a point of contact with our WID.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Erika distributed monitoring results. Larry noted that the results indicated that the NLWID area was clean. However, a couple reports had been filed on practices that had the potential to pollute. Brad and Larry are talking with the landowners. A letter from the County, CD, and WID to all landowners was considered but determined to not be needed right now. Individual contacts will be made to encourage these landowners to develop a Plan with the WCD.
- b. Cross Border – Erika and Meg would like to review the cross border numbers and what is being done about them with the LNL and Bertrand WIDs in the near future. A letter from these WIDs and the AWB to Executive Louws regarding cross border issues will be sent to make sure all are aware of our continued interest in ensuring BC addresses their quality issues.
- c. DNA source tracking project report – CD looking for sampling sites, wildlife – Just getting started.
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Fred reported a high count was reported in Portage Bay which will hinder the ability to fully open the shellfish beds for some time. There was no clear suspect for the high count.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.northlyndenwid.com
- b. AWB Newsletter – ready for printing and distribution.
- c. WFF – REAL campaign – Farmer Rally November 8 – a success, many ag business and ag service individuals attending.
- d. Cover-crop signs – Meg noted signs were available at the CD and that a Manure Mgt Training session would be held on January 17th. She asked the board if they had speaker suggestions.

VII. Other Items from Commissioners

- a. Alan Chapman – introduced as the newly elected supervisor at the Whatcom Conservation District. Interested in collaborative projects. Also on the Fishers Caucus in the Planning Unit and has been active in the Puget Sound Partnership. Noted another election for a WCD Supervisor seat will be held in early 2019.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

January 15

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____