

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: June 19, 2018 Meeting, 10 am - Noon

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

Board Attending:

<u> o </u> Brad Rader	<u> x </u> Harman Brar	<u> x </u> Kevin Te Velde
<u> </u> Jeff Bedlington	<u> x </u> Larry Stap	

Others Attending:

<u> x </u> Erika Douglas	<u> x </u> Henry Bierlink	<u> </u> Aneka Sweeney
<u> x </u> Fred Likkel	<u> </u> Mark Sandal	<u> </u> Monette Boswell

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of April 17 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills
- c. Kevin moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Harmon seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administration

- a. Proxy voting – not clear – seems that if the board adopts a policy regarding proxy voting it could be recognized. The board member absent would have to designate an existing board member as having the ability to cast his/her proxy vote. Larry will seek some Proxy voting forms he has seen used and we will have them available for the future. But the board’s consensus was that if another farmer is willing to serve we would ask Jeff to resign and allow that farmer to take this seat.

III. Ag Water Board

- a. AWB “Next Steps” proposal and the background surrounding current actions is summarized in a Draft AWB Water Supply position paper being reviewed by AWB board. Bill drafted this paper and hopes to have us use it as a snapshot of our motives and planned directions. We would use this paper, once approved by the AWB board, to communicate with partners and the public.
- b. Foster Task Force pilot program – opportunity for all WID members with projects that illustrate why Foster is a hindrance
 - a. Preparing a list of applicants by July 1 – a list of 8 is in the works and will be approved by the AWB board at their meeting on the 20th.
 - b. Will apply for funds to cover water right transfer processing and cost share
 - c. R & E and AESI assisting in reviewing potential projects.
- c. Spring Workshop on water right tools - June 5th report – over 20 farmers present. Many of them new to the issues.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Ditch maintenance
 - Benson culvert – Brad – Larry looked at this again and advised that this would not be helpful to drainage unless the rest of the Benson road ditch in the City was also dredged. There was a consensus to wait to clean this culvert until the Pepin Creek project is completed which would provide enhanced drainage keeping the sediment from building in this culvert.
 - Bajema culvert replacement – Fred/Steve Korthuis – not likely qualified for WDFW’s culvert replacement program, funding would be in 2019 at best. Since this is not a fish blockage or drainage issue the repair will have to be borne by the landowners.
 - Double ditch west south of Badger- minor debris removal, tree and garbage. Minor work that WDFW will allow county to remove when they are in the area or can be removed with hand tools by the local landowner, no permit required.

- E. Prairie Rd at double ditch- there was discussion about cleaning this channel and potential upsizing a cross culvert. Determined this to be not a regulated system and will not require a permit but should be conducted at the appropriate time of year so that there are no downstream effects. Also, sedimentation into this channel would be reduced if a vegetative strip (grass) between the ag field and the ditch was maintained upstream along this waterway.
 - Pangborn between Depot and bender North side- the section that was identified does not meet our jurisdiction and will not need an HPA but is very close to regulated stream waters. WDFW would suggest a clearer description of the location of this work to ensure that it was the same location that WDFW was looking at. Appropriate timing and BMPs to prevent downstream impacts will be required.
- b. 5-year programmatic permit in place
 - c. Mitigation – projects on Fishtrap completed, positive feedback from WDFW. NSEA’s help was much appreciated. WFF will be filming this project as an example of the Real Environmental Action campaign.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – generally good. Erika prepared charts which communicate how much progress has been made.
- b. ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting - Still a lot of uncertainty surrounding the data from these units.
- c. South Lynden source tracking project report - @ future SLWID meeting – The State is supporting further work on DNA by WCD and Exact Scientific which builds on the work begun in South Lynden.
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Erika reported good quality in Portage Bay in April/May. DOH is conducting an enhanced monitoring program in April/May hoping to demonstrate that the spring closures (April – June) might be lifted.
- e. Lynden sites – the Double Ditch area in the City is showing elevated counts. The City has been very responsive to the concerns and has taken many actions to address it.
- f. [County water quality website](#) update – Erika called attention to updated an updated website where residents can get connected with the information they need to protect quality. She also highlighted two grant programs where cost share assistance is available. One is for septic system inspections and updates; the other for small farms.
- g. Relationships with BC – Fred wondered if the BC gov’t was still dedicated to water quality programs. Erika’s experience with the non-profits and department in BC was positive.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.northlyndenwid.com
- b. E-Newsletter

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

July 17 and August 21 likely cancelled
September 18

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____