

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: January 19, 2016 Meeting, 10am – Noon

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Attending:

<u> </u> x	Brad Rader	<u> </u> x	Roger Bajema	<u> </u> x	Don Van Mersbergen
<u> </u> x	Darryl Vander Haak	<u> </u> x	Larry Stap	<u> </u> x	Aneka Sweeney
<u> </u>	Erika Douglas	<u> </u> x	Henry Bierlink	<u> </u>	John Gillies
<u> </u> x	Fred Likkel	<u> </u> x	Mark Sandal	<u> </u>	Monette Boswell
<u> </u> x	Heather MacKay	<u> </u>	Casey Lankhaar	<u> </u>	Jeff Littlejohn
<u> </u>	Corina Cheever	<u> </u>	Mitch Moorlag	<u> </u>	

x = present o = absent with notice

I. Consent Agenda

A. Review and Approval of December 15 Minutes

B. Financial Report

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
Fund Balance @ 1/1/2016		\$5,841.71		
Accounts Receivable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$5,841.71
Outstanding bills:				\$798.00
Roger Bajema	reimbursement for quality tests		\$201.00	
Whatcom Family Farmers	Dec Admin, letters		\$597.00	
End of Month Balance				\$5,043.71
	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>Expended to Date</u>		<u>Balance</u>
Insurance	1,550	1,588.00		-38.00
AWB	0	0.00		0.00
Projects	2,964	1,495.88		1,468.12
Administration	1,500	2,744.75		-1,244.75
	6,014	5,828.63		185.37

Darryl moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Don seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Administrative

- Election of Chair for 2016 – Roger moved to retain Larry as Chair and Darryl as vice-chair, Brad seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- 2016 Budget

<u>WID</u>	<u>AWB</u>	<u>Admin/Insurance</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bertrand	50,696	7,662	28,000	86,358
North Lynden	20,891	2,833	0	23,724
South Lynden	45,758	7,188	25,000	77,946
Drayton	26,012	6,298	12,000	44,310
Laurel	29,260	5,582	15,000	49,842
Sumas	65,384	6,931	20,500	92,815
	238,000	36,494	100,500	374,994

The commitment to the AWB, if fully exercised, would leave nothing in the Project budget for 2016. The NLWID will be encouraging the AWB to be judicious with its spending.

B. Ag Water Board report

- Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update (in Executive Session)
 - Discussion of upcoming meeting with Lummi over water quality issues and the State’s perspective on upcoming settlement negotiations.
- Media Relations – discussion of changing emphasis in AWB from media relations to legal defense needs.
- Financial – adopted AWB Budget

<u>WID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Insurance</u>			<u>Water</u>	<u>Quality/</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
			<u>Office</u>	<u>Admin</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Access</u>	<u>Drainage</u>	<u>Affairs</u>	
Bertrand	14,393	21.3%	\$1,278	\$4,260	\$28,969	\$4,260	\$4,260	\$7,668	50,696
North Lynden	5,931	8.8%	\$527	\$1,756	\$11,937	\$1,756	\$1,756	\$3,160	20,891
South Lynden	12,991	19.2%	\$1,154	\$3,845	\$26,147	\$3,845	\$3,845	\$6,921	45,758
Drayton	7,385	10.9%	\$656	\$2,186	\$14,864	\$2,186	\$2,186	\$3,935	26,012
Laurel	8,307	12.3%	\$738	\$2,459	\$16,720	\$2,459	\$2,459	\$4,426	29,260
Sumas	18,563	27.5%	\$1,648	\$5,494	\$37,362	\$5,494	\$5,494	\$9,890	65,384
			6,000	20,000	136,000	20,000	20,000	36,000	238,000
	67,570.0		3%	8%	57%	8%	8%	15%	100%

A monthly report indicating the progress with expenditures as compared with the budgets was requested for future Board meetings.

III. New Business

A. Ditch and Dike Maintenance

- Meeting with the Corps is being arranged.
- Joint WID meeting with County Road Department will follow.
- Senator Ericksen introduced SB6175 which would give WIDs more authority and funding over drainage projects.

B. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results have been reasonably good. Not a lot of new data since last month. Fred reported that the WCD’s effort to consolidate and present water quality data was making progress. The link to that data is <http://wacds.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=71fa677503c949c8847066178a531099>
- Fred informed the group of a developing policy generated by Whatcom Family Farmers which would provide a consistent response strategy across the WIDs for reports of questionable practices or consistently high fecal coliform tests. The goal is to have all WIDs adopt the policy and be the first point of contact for landowners when issues arise. The WID noted we needed to document the contacts we make and record them in some fashion, possibly in the minutes of the meetings.
- Three landowner contacts were made in the past months in response to perceived violations and/or consistently high fecal counts.
- Mark discussed what the City of Lynden was doing to address the issues that were exposed with intensive monitoring.
- Aneka promoted the upcoming Manure management training session on the 27th.
- WSDA sent a pointed letter to Canadian agencies describing our water quality challenges and the BC influence on them. Larry will forward a copy of the letter.

C. Update of WID Comprehensive Plan

- Comprehensive Plan Update – mapping project – Heather MacKay led the Board in a review of the past ag priorities established in the Ag Watershed Project. There were slight adjustments. There was no need to engage in further reprioritizing.

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting – February 16

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Whatcom Family Farmers

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