

# North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: March 15, 2016 Meeting, 10am – Noon

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Attending:

<u>  x  </u>	Brad Rader	<u>  o  </u>	Roger Bajema	<u>  x  </u>	Don Van Mersbergen
<u>  o  </u>	Darryl Vander Haak	<u>  x  </u>	Larry Stap	<u>  x  </u>	Aneka Sweeney
<u>     </u>	Erika Douglas	<u>  x  </u>	Henry Bierlink	<u>  x  </u>	Steve Hood
<u>  x  </u>	Fred Likkell	<u>  x  </u>	Mark Sandal	<u>     </u>	Monette Boswell
<u>     </u>	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 January 19 Minutes

B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
Fund Balance @ 3/1/2016		\$5,122.51		
Accounts Receivable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$5,122.51
Outstanding bills:				\$1,960.00
N3 Consulting	AWB Water Quality, Feb.		\$1,760.00	
Whatcom Family Farmers	Jan. Admin		\$200.00	
End of Month Balance				\$3,162.51
	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended to Date</u>		<u>Balance</u>
Admin/Insurance	2,833	200.00		2,633.00
AWB	20,891	1,760.00		19,131.00
Projects	0	0.00		0.00
	<b>23,724</b>	<b>1,960.00</b>		<b>21,764.00</b>

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

### II. Old Business

A. Administration - Proposal from AWB – discussed in Executive Session

- Hire administrative team for AWB
  - 1) Administer WIDs and AWB
  - 2) Write, implement, and administer project grants
  - 3) Water supply
- Contract with Family Farmers for:
  - 1) Water quality and drainage
  - 2) Media and community relations
- Larry will convey the will of the Board to the AWB meeting on Wednesday.

B. Water Quality Monitoring Contract with N3 LLC

It was determined that the County would be providing all the sampling needed so this contract was unnecessary.

C. Ag Water Board report

- Legal
  - Lummi Settlement Update (in Executive Session)

- Media Relations – a report from Gerald was distributed. A recent WFF newsletter was also available as a report on recent public affairs activity. The recent activities with the WTA buses and the remaining billboard on the Guide were cited as examples of why this work is needed.

### III. New Business

- A. Ditch & Dike Maintenance - Fred reported that the Corps insisted that permits would be needed whenever fill was placed in water courses. Fred is working to arrange a meeting with the County Public Works and all WIDs to discuss priorities for road ditch cleaning.
- B. Water Quality
  - Water quality testing results – Aneka displayed the recent map of monitoring results. The border stations have showed some very high counts. Fred noted there is a lot of private sampling also occurring. Mark reported that the City and the WCD were continuing to make progress in indemnifying issues remaining in the City. Steve Hood noted that Ecology had been concentrating its monitoring in Bertrand and Scott as Fishtrap was well covered under the County program. Aneka called attention to an upcoming Field Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - WID protocol for addressing issues – the document circulated by the AWB was tabled for more review until the April meeting.
- C. Water Quantity - Henry noted the continued discussion at:
  - Whatcom Water Supply Coalition
    - Birch Bay Water and Sewer Grant - \$700,000
    - Preparation for water settlement negotiations
    - Groundwater Model phase 4 funding
  - Bureau of Reclamation Grant Application – in cooperation with PUD and BBWS
    - Review of Water Rights and Needs for each WID
    - Water Bank
- D. Education
  - AWB/WID Newsletter – Scott – plan to mail by Mid-March – template, review of priorities and messaging – There are 1,300 landowners in the 6 WIDs.
  - Comprehensive Plan update – need review of updated maps, tables. Heather provided a secure link to the drafts for the board to review. Comments are needed by March 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Website [www.northlyndenwid.com](http://www.northlyndenwid.com)
- E. Other Items from Commissioners
  - Mark reported that the Pepin Creek project was progressing. The south portion of the project may start construction this year.

### IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

April 12

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Whatcom Family Farmers

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