

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: March 20, 2018 Meeting, 9:30

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 Mark Sandal Monette Boswell
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Ag Water Board

- a. March Board meeting – planned for March 21
- b. AWB “Next Steps” proposal
 - Vet with Lummi - Present as logical progression of the process they outlined in 2015. Greg’s connection with Chairman Julius is the most logical means of advancing this conversation.
 - Emphasis on implementing projects – demonstrate our commitments as stated in our newsletter.
 - Goal of having Lummi and AWB advance Drainage Based Management at the Watershed Management Board this Fall
- c. Foster Task Force pilot program – opportunity for all WID members with a surface water right that you would consider moving to groundwater.
 - Need a list of applicants by June 1
 - Would apply for funds to cover water right transfer processing and cost share
- d. Spring Workshop – a workshop for farmers prior to the irrigation season is being developed. Topics should include the opportunity to participate in surface to ground transfers, seasonal transfers, and how we might distribute water from deep aquifers or storage facilities via a water bank or exchange.
- e. Office relocation – 204 Hawley Street
 - Rent increase - \$1,200/mo. – shared with Family Farmers

II. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Ditch maintenance – March 20 field tour with County and WDFW – after board mtg
- b. 5-year programmatic permit – identify projects

III. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – both Fred and Erika reported good results.
- b. Groundwater – nitrate study – DOE is doing a follow up study following the LENS Study done in the early 90’s. There was a question over how much we wanted to cooperate with them to collect samples. Consensus was to work cooperatively with them as we are convinced the problem areas are minimal and the situation is getting better. Larry encouraged a discussion between the study advocates and the WID leadership.

IV. Adjournment/Next Meetings

April 17

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____