

# North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: October 17, 2017 Meeting, 10am – Noon

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

### Board Attending:

Brad Rader                       Roger Bajema                       Kevin Te Velde  
 Jeff Bedlington                       Larry Stap

### Others Attending:

Erika Douglas                       Henry Bierlink                       Frank Corey  
 Fred Likkel                       Steve Banham                       Aneka Sweeney  
*x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference*

## I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of September 19 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1				
2017 Assessments Received		\$20,130.20		
Fund Balance                      8/1/2017		\$17,262.72		
Fund Balance                      10/1/2017		\$10,281.68		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$10,281.68
Outstanding bills:				\$4,009.00
Ag Water Board <i>Sept, Oct AWB Admin</i>			\$4,009.00	
<b>End of Month Balance</b>				<b>\$6,272.68</b>
	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
AWB	\$24,054	20,045.00	4,009.00	
Projects	\$9,818	1,793.87	8,024.13	
Insurance/Adm	\$1,618	1,890.86	-272.86	
	<b>\$35,490</b>	<b>23,729.73</b>	<b>11,760.27</b>	

Brad moved approval of the Consent agenda, Roger seconded, motion approved unanimously.

## II. Administrative

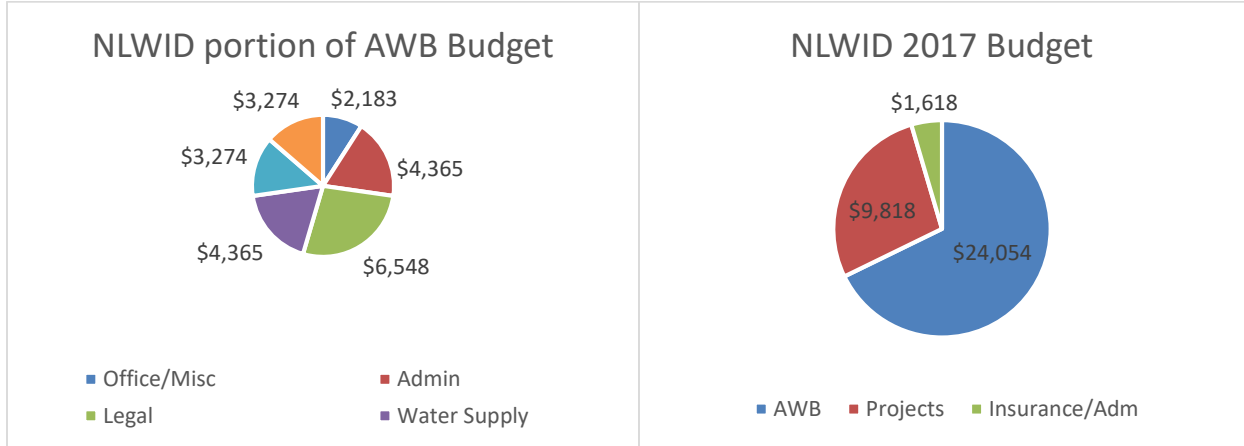
- A. Review Priority Issue and Activity lists

Priorities	2017 Action Priorities	Notes/Actions
1. Drainage	5 year permit for drainage maintenance...Find the funding for development of the 5 year plan...chase paperwork	Contact Frank about developing for the NLWID. Develop a list of projects this fall.
	Work on culvert repair/replacement	Keep doing this. Figure out what value culvert replacement has for mitigation.
		Areas for future work: - Assink culvert - Pangborn ditch – Bedlington field Bender culvert

2. Water Quality	Continue our water quality work with Whatcom County Public Works, and Lynden	In progress
3. Water Rights	Support the AWB's work in this area.	In progress

**B. 2018 Workplan & Budget**

- Brad moved approval of 2017-1 setting the 2018 rate at \$6/acre, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution 2017-2 – Adopting the 2018 Assessment Roll – Brad moved approval of 2017-2, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- November 21st Board of Equalization – Henry noted the need for a quorum at the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.



**III. Water Quality**

- Monitoring Results – Erika and Fred presented the recent data. Several stations are now meeting both the geometric mean and 90<sup>th</sup> percentile standards. Much improved over past years! Still some work to be done But the direction reinforces the work that we are doing.
- Quality newsletter – Erika distributed copies of a newsletter the County is sending to rural landowners alerting them to practices that can improve water quality.
- ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – EPA is still working on calibration and how much reliability can be placed on these readings. A site on Double Ditch at the border is a likely option.
- South Lynden source tracking project - slow progress on DNA work on Scott Ditch. There is \$125k in the State budget to support more work on this technology but that likely won't become available until a Capital Budget is passed.
- DNA – Fred noted the recent DNA report for the Lummis. No evidence of bovine reported in the initial results.
- Report on landowner contacts – Fred noted that the BC government has been active in investigating the composting facility off Pepin Creek.

**IV. Drainage/Habitat**

- Ditch maintenance – spraying took place. Cleaning on Assink and Benson was completed. A culvert was replaced on Bender. There are two culverts on Jason Heutink's place that might be candidates for replacement and mitigation credits.
- Benson Road culvert – looks like we ran out of time to get the culvert cleaned.
- Heeringa mitigation – we are helping with prep work this fall and planting next spring.
- 5-year programmatic permit – Frank is working on updating the current management plan into a permit application.
- Pepin Creek project – Steve alerted the board to Lynden's progress on the Pepin Creek realignment. There is \$2.5 million in the draft Capital Budget to support this work. Much

of the current focus is on streambank stabilization downstream in the City in order to protect those areas from future higher flows,

## **V. Water Supply**

- A. Water Supply Work Group report – Henry updated the Board on the following elements which are beginning to build towards a renewed “Drainage Based Management” effort to implement the county-wide strategies developed in the Watershed Management Plan.
  - Renewed push for drainage by drainage negotiations leading to binding agreements
  - Support from State via \$450k budget request
  - Supported by the Planning Unit
  - Support building via Baker to Bay and upcoming Water Supply symposium

## **VI. Education/Communications**

- A. Website - [www.northlyndenwid.com](http://www.northlyndenwid.com)
- B. Water Supply Symposium – meeting has been rescheduled to December 13<sup>th</sup>. Bill Clarke and Chuck Lindsay will be presenting.
- C. WFF November 2 Farmer Rally – Fred encouraged the board to attend and let others know about it.
- D. Floodplain Implementation Plan – Fred alerted the Board to a November 2, 10am meeting where Ned Currence of the Nooksack Tribe will be presenting on fish needs. He felt this would be a great opportunity for WID members to ask questions to both better understand the fish issues and to challenge the fish advocates on conflicting stories.
- E. NLWID Newsletter – Henry showed the e-newsletter developed by the NLWID. Templates have been built for all the WIDs. Water quality information was suggested for the next update.
- F. Speaker Series – Aneka called attention to the WCD organized Speaker Series. The next topic will be how 5- year Programmatic Drainage permits can be obtained and used to assist in drainage. An advanced Nutrient Management workshop is being organized for early 2018.
- G. CAO Meeting – Fred called attention to a Farm Bureau organized meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the effect of the Critical Areas Ordinance on small farms.

## **VII. Ag Water Board**

- A. Winter newsletter will be produced. Subject ideas are welcomed.
- B. Portage Bay Partnership update – no new news.

## **VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting**

November 21

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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