

# North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: September 17, 2019 Meeting, 10 am - Noon

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

### Board Attending:

Brad Rader                       Harman Brar                       Kevin Te Velde  
 Kevin Engelsma                       Larry Stap

### Others Attending:

Erika Douglas                       Henry Bierlink                       Randy Honcoop  
 Fred Likkel                      \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Sandal                       Steve Banham

*x = present    o = absent with notice    t = teleconference    p = proxy*

## I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of June 18 Minutes
- b. Financial Report – *financial report in board packet*
- c. The following vouchers are approved for payment:

### Bills for Payment:

Ag Water Board                      July - September AWB                      **\$5,976.18**

Kevin E. moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Harman seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## II. Administrative

- a. 2020 workplan, budget, nomination discussion – both Kevins terms need renewal, Harman nominated both Kevin Te Velde and Kevin Engelsma to another three year term, Kevin E. seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. UBC aquifer mapping – Heather will update the Board on the work that UBC is doing at the October board meeting.
- b. Drainage Based Management (DBM) – initiated as a subset of the Water Supply Plan facilitated by the PUD – Drayton and Bertrand are primed to begin as there is funding from grants managed by the PUD and Birch Bay Water and Sewer. Meeting with Tribes in early October to formalize which pilots are advanced. Work on identifying the technical participants for each pilot will follow.
- c. Streamflow Restoration Grant – \$150k available this fall for advancing projects described in the grant application – surface to ground conversions and augmentation. Some funds to advance DBM as a means to identify these projects.
- d. Drought Response Plan – grant opportunity for more funding of water banks, transfers, etc.
- e. Shared Waters, Challenges, and Solutions – forum on latest developments in local water negotiations – 6pm, September 19<sup>th</sup> – partially sponsored by AWB

## IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Pepin Creek project – Lynden plans evolving. Steve Banham presented the City’s options to manage water during flood events. The cost of simply channeling all the water down the rerouted Pepin Creek channel is over \$30 million with a third of that amount for armoring Fishtrap Creek downstream. A by-pass pipe for stormwater is being considered. The City is preparing a SEPA review which will discuss the differing options and costs. Cooperation with the North Lynden and Bertrand WIDs will be crucial for all parties.
- b. New Drainage projects – County is working on them. Not sure anything has been done other than preparing for work. Henry noted that the Sumas WID was meeting with the County Public Works on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding ditch mowing ideas. Discussing the need for timely ditch cleaning might also be on that agenda.
  - Depot ditch – Pangborn to Badger
  - Bender ditch - Pangborn to Badger

- c. Ditch spraying – Larry will check with Gordy to see if this was done. The Feddema portion of the west ditch will also be sprayed. (*NOTE: spraying will occur once the ditch moving is completed*).
- d. Culvert replacement – Larry showed a picture of the replaced culvert on the SE corner of Double Ditch and Prairie. It is a nice project funded by the culvert replacement program but Larry is concerned about the rootwad placement hoping it will not result in blocking water passage.

**V. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – Erika outlined the fall education strategy alerting landowners to risks. Summer numbers were elevated in a few areas but not dramatically. The County prepared a letter of warning for 3 parcels of concern. The WID agreed it should be sent directly from the County.
- b. Nitrate study – Fred noted that they were still seeking preferred monitoring sites.
- c. Fall letter to landowners- Fred prepared a one-page letter for landowners in the WIDs. The Board approved sending it out. It will be placed on the North Lynden website once it is sent as well.

**VI. Education/Communications**

- a. Website - [www.northlyndenwid.com](http://www.northlyndenwid.com)

**VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

October 15 – Kevin E. will need to fill out a proxy  
November 19

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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