

# North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Meeting Minutes for:

### August 5, 2014 Meeting, 10 am – 12:00 pm

*Ag Central      1796 Front Street      Lynden, WA 98264*

Attending:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Lankhaar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Bajema	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Van Mersbergen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darryl Vander Haak	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Stap	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Corey
<input type="checkbox"/> Dale Buys	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Bierlink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Gillies
<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Seymour	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Sandal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Honcoop

x = present                      o = absent with notice

Meeting called to order by Chair Lankhaar at 10:10 am.

#### I. Consent Agenda

*(the following are approved in a single motion if there is a consensus to do so. If a board member cannot consent they can remove the questionable item(s) from the Consent Agenda and discuss it under Old Business).*

- a. Approval of minutes –November 19, 2013. **Motion to approve minutes by Bajema, 2<sup>nd</sup> Van Mersbergen, Motion carried**
- b. Financial Report- \$5,581.06 as of July 1, 2014. **Move to approve financial report by Vander Haak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bajema. Motion Carried**
- c. Payment of Bills – Enduris insurance/bond premium, \$1,588. **Motion to pay insurance bill by Bajema, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vander Haak. Motion carried.**

#### II. Correspondence - No Correspondence

#### III. Old Business

- a. Board nominations and appointments – Roger Bajema term ends at the end of 2014. Mr. Bajema declared his intention to seek another term. If no other eligible citizens seek the Director position, Mr. Bajema will be nominated by the Board to serve an additional term.
- b. Spray program funding – shall the board pay for grass control on the waterways from District funds or shall the owners of the treated areas bear the cost? Per November 2013, motion, the Board will bill individual landowners for spraying drainage ways. Casey Lankhaar will bill landowners based on the list developed last year of benefited landowners.
- c. County Ag Land/Watershed grant report – Henry presented a general information sheet describing the phase two project. Work on the two pilot projects in Bertrand and Lower Fishtrap will be completed this fall.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Adopt anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policy – Henry presented model policy and recommended that the Board adopt. The need for such policy was recommended by ENDURIS (insurance carrier). **Motion by Bajema, 2<sup>nd</sup> Van Mersbergen to adopt as North Lynden Policy the model policies as drafted by Bierlink. Motion carried.**
- b. Consideration of Ag District Coalition's Board of Joint Control proposal- Randy Honcoop presented the status of work by Ag producers to form four new Watershed Improvement Districts along with a Board of Joint Control. He requested that the NLWID, along with the Bertrand WID, cosponsor the formation of the proposed Board of Joint Control. The purpose of the board of joint control is to enable watershed improvement districts to function jointly in the operation and management of water supply and drainage programs and facilities, while allowing each district to maintain autonomous landowner voting rights and authorities. After discussion concerning the assessment rates (proposed \$3-\$5 per acre) and formula for sharing administration cost of the joint board, **motion made by Bajema, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vander Haak that the NLWID cosponsor the formation of the Whatcom County Board of Joint Control. Motion carried.**

#### Adjournment/Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am . Next regular meeting date is September 16, 2014, 10 am at Farm Friends.

Respectfully submitted

John Gillies  
WID Coordinator