

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: June 21, 2022 Meeting, 9am

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Meeting ID: 837 6855 0786 Passcode: 447522

Board Attending:

Brad Rader Harman Brar Kevin Te Velde

Kevin Engelsma Larry Stap

Others Attending:

Randy Honcoop Henry Bierlink Jay Chennault

Fred Likkel Steve Banham Gurjit Singh

Cynthia May Dakota Stranik Erika Douglas

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

Larry called the meeting to order at 9:05.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of April 19, 2022 minutes
- b. Financial Report

Voucher #	Payee	Purpose	Amount
NL0622	Ag Water Board	May, June	\$4,507.76
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$4,507.76

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

II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Water supply update
 - Somach Law – AWB and Family Farmers contracts in place.
 - Meeting with Ecology May 25th – decent tone but very different views on next steps. Ecology is committed to file for the adjudication in 2023.
- b. Solutions Table and or option 2
 - Lummi mixed participation until after the adjudication is filed and also used veto power to keep Watershed Management Board from proceeding without them
 - Meeting with County May 25th – stressing need to move ahead with either Solutions Table without the Tribes or energize the Watershed Management Board process.
 - Project List
 - Surface to ground conversion candidates – grant application submitted
- c. County Comprehensive Plan resolutions – a few Council members are proposing a resolution to make the Climate Action plan better integrated with the upcoming Comp Plan update. The Planning Unit is proposing a similar, but simplified, resolution to make water plans consistent with the Land Use plans.
- d. Water Right acquisition candidates
 - Determine who and how to contact
 - Menu of options for landowners – use Bertrand transfer project as a template for others

III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Ditch maintenance
 - West Bender ditch – no response from County yet
 - Assink Road ditch – no response from County yet
 - Double Ditch – may be included in Lynden’s FEMA application.
- b. Mitigation opportunity – Fred observed that the Zylstra portion of Fishtrap is a prime opportunity for habitat restoration that would provide mitigation credits for the WID. Ken seems to be agreeable.
- c. West Lynden stormwater – now CLASS (City of Lynden Agriculture Stormwater Solutions) – a two pager describing the project was reviewed.

- d. WCD Update – Dakota introduced Cynthia May who was hired by WCD to replace Meg Harris. She gave her background and interest in this position and promised to be a resource on water quality to all the WIDs.
- e. Beaver trapping – still nothing due to wet conditions.

IV. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – generally good with a few hot spots about a month or so ago. Larry noted that we were achieving good results despite the challenges of a very wet spring and occasional flooding of fields.
- b. DNA testing – David submitted 12 samples and is waiting for a full report. Initial indications point to a high % of swan.
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – no news.

V. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.northlyndenwid.com
- b. WFF Educational Event – May 25th – good reports and better crowds than expected. The idea of a Legislative Tour similar to the one we organized for our legal team on the 24th should be explored.

VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Larry adjourned the meeting at 9:38. Next meeting is ~~July 19, Aug 16~~, Sept 20

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____