

# North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: October 20, 2020 Meeting, 10 am

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 815 2729 4697 Passcode: 128398

### Board Attending:

Brad Rader                       Harman Brar                       Kevin Te Velde  
 Kevin Engelsma                       Larry Stap

### Others Attending:

Randy Honcoop                       Henry Bierlink                       Alan Chapman  
 Fred Likkel                               Dale Buys                               Meg Harris  
 Heather MacKay                       Mike Van Dalen                       Erika Douglas  
*x = present      o = absent with notice      t = teleconference      p = proxy*

Larry called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

## I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of September 15 Minutes
- b. Financial Report – *see financial report in board packet*

Voucher #	Payee	Purpose	Amount
NL1020	Ag Water Board	October - December AWB	\$5,939.73
NL1020	WA State Auditor	2019 Audit	\$452.40
<b>TOTAL VOUCHER</b>			<b>\$6,392.13</b>

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

## II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Kevin TV moved to nominate Harman to another term, Kevin E seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- b. AWB Budget request – the requested increase in legal and media campaign surrounding adjudication was reviewed. The increase would reduce our project budget but reserves are adequate to fill that need should it arise.
- c. 2021 Workplan & Budget
  - Resolution 2020-1 – Setting the 2020 Assessment Rate and Budget
  - Resolution 2020-2 – Adopting the 2020 Assessment Roll  
Kevin E moved approval of Resolution 1 and 2 setting the assessment rate at \$6/acre, Kevin TV seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - November 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Equalization

### DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE – all Watershed Improvement Districts

Residents within the Bertrand, Drayton, Laurel, North Lynden, South Lynden, and Sumas Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to:

1) Nominate candidates for election to the Board of the District – two positions in Bertrand, two in Drayton, two in Laurel, one in North Lynden, two in South Lynden, and two in Sumas – candidates must file with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, not later than five o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in November.

2) Inspect the 2021 Assessment Roll and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in Laurel will be heard at 10am, November 9<sup>th</sup>; for Bertrand at 2pm, November 9<sup>th</sup>; for Sumas at 1pm, November 10<sup>th</sup>; for South Lynden at 3pm, November 10<sup>th</sup>; for North Lynden at 10am, November 17<sup>th</sup>; and for Drayton at 3pm, November 17<sup>th</sup>, all at the District's office or via Zoom. Contact the WID administrator for access to the meeting @ [info@agwaterboard.com](mailto:info@agwaterboard.com). The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 12<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.

Public Notice must be published in Lynden Tribune October 14, 21, 28

### **III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply**

- a. Adjudication debate
  - Ecology report recommends Nooksack
  - Adjudication supported only by Tribes, Fishers, Realtors, and environmental
  - Building partnerships locally and in Olympia
  - Plan for Legislative education by Family Farmers.
- b. County Executive proposal
  - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
  - Seeking support from water users
  - Would add a new element to the Watershed Management Board's work plan – "Settlement Negotiations". This will be advanced in lieu of adjudication.

### **IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood**

- a. Bender Road ditch – Mike Van Dalen's culvert needs replacement but there are no available public funds to assist. It needs to be constructed to fish passage standards even though downstream blockages prevent fish presence. No culvert replacement funding is available where fish are not currently present. Dale has helped Mike try to address this challenge. Brad moved to establish a General Services Agreement with Reichardt and Ebe which would allow us to create Task Orders to address specific issues like this, Harman seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- b. Stream Classification – the board directed Dale, Fred and Henry to prepare a letter to WDFW addressing the stream classification in the NLWID. The letter should be vetted by Joel before sending and once completed cc'ed to the County Executive.
- c. Assink Road ditch – cleaned by County, used our HPA
- d. Double Ditch – collapsed culvert – Frank is helping to guide an EQIP application

### **V. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – Erika reviewed the recent monitoring data. There were some elevated numbers. She hopes to have a full report with graphics ready for the November meeting. Meg noted that Lynden has identified an area of concern near the confluence of Pepin and Fishtrap. Wildlife is a concern as are some cross connections and unidentified outfalls.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated late year
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Erika noted there were slight rises in the Portage Bay numbers. It is in the October – December shellfish closure period.

### **VI. Education/Communications**

- a. Website - [www.northlyndenwid.com](http://www.northlyndenwid.com)
- b. Fall Newsletter – unsure if we should invest the time and \$\$ to publish a printed version. Make more effort to alert landowners to the website. Send the adjudication paper and an invitation to receive emails for future electronic newsletters. Board stressed the importance of keep communicating.
- c. Mitigation bank – Joel agrees that the NLWID has provided more mitigation than required at this point so some of that work could be applied to future drainage improvement projects. This should be communicated to WID landowners along with the opportunity to make use of our HPA to enhance drainage throughout the WID.

### **VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

Meeting adjourned at 12:01. Next meeting is November 17

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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