

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: November 16, 2021 Meeting, 9 am

Meeting ID: 898 2904 7456 Passcode: 370542

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89829047456?pwd=b2ptQ3JQOzNnaTZKSk50QlBacVUwZz09>

Board Attending:

Brad Rader Harman Brar Kevin Te Velde

Kevin Engelsma Larry Stap

Others Attending:

Katie Faber Henry Bierlink Jay Chennault

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

Brad called the meeting to order at 9:06.

Board of Equalization Hearing

Public has opportunity to contest Assessments. WID board must determine if petitioners provide clear evidence they would not receive value from WID actions equal to the Assessment amount. WID Board could vote to eliminate or reduce the assessment on individual parcels. Once completed the Regular Board Meeting commences.

Brad closed the Board of Equalization Hearing at 9:08. Henry noted that the AWB and WFF were working on a handout for WID board members explaining the increase in assessments. It should be ready before Thanksgiving.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 19 Minutes
- b. Financial Report

Voucher #	Payee	Purpose	Amount
NL1121	Ag Water Board	November, December	\$5,041.04
NL1121	All Season Spraying	ditch maintenance	\$1,646.38
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$6,687.42

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

II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Larry and Brad are elected to a 3 year term. Congratulations and Thanks!

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Solutions Table
 - County working with Jay and Maia anticipating an early 2022 start
 - Tribes will be there but their level of commitment to reach agreements in this setting is questioned. They insist adjudication is the priority for them.
- b. Project List - Surface to ground conversion candidates were reviewed from a list that AESI had developed. Surface rights were screened by volume, number of landowners who would have to be involved, value to flows and habitat, and likelihood of landowner interest in making the changes. Several priority candidates were identified. Henry and Fred will talk with Lenssens and Bedlington. Those with interest would have Jay look into the legal complexities and some system design would be developed by the WID. We need to have a grant application developed by mid-December.
- c. Water Right acquisition candidates – a full list of surface and ground water rights with links to the current parcel owners was provided by AESI. The board will look for likely candidates in these lists that:
 - Are not fully using their water rights
 - May be locations where ag irrigation is not likely in the future
 - Are owned by entities not likely to vigorously defend their rights in an adjudication

The board expects future meetings to address these candidates and a plan to offer the landowners options developed.

- d. North County Water Supply formation – no new information.

IV. Adjournment/Next Meetings

December 21

January 18

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____