

South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: June 9, 2015 Meeting, 3pm – 5pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Ed Blok Jeff De Jong Landon Van Dyk
 Rod Vande Hoef Rolf Haugen

Henry Bierlink _____ Dale Buys Fred Likkel
 _____ Jeff Gollen _____ Steve Jilk _____ Scott Bedlington
 _____ Andy Bowler _____ Dan Noteboom _____ Jake De Hoog
 _____ Aneka Sweeney _____ Heather McKay _____ Sherm Polinder

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of May 12 Minutes
- B. Financial Report

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Balance Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
Grant #2	\$0.00			\$0.00
Fund Balance @ 6/1/2015		\$27,183.16		
Accounts Payable		\$6,372.45		
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$20,810.71
Outstanding bills:				\$480.00
Whatcom Farm Friends	<i>May</i>		\$480.00	
N3	<i>Water Quality testing</i>			
Whatcom Farm Friends	<i>Ag Water Board admin</i>			
N3	<i>Ag Water Board water quality</i>			
Clarke Law	<i>Ag Water Board legal</i>			
End of Month Balance				\$20,330.71
	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>Expended to Date</u>		<u>Balance</u>
Insurance	2,600	1,981.00		619.00
AWB	22,153	3,000.00		19,153.00
Projects	19,717	911.45		18,805.55
Administration	7,500	960.00		6,540.00
	51,970	6,852.45		45,117.55

Jeff moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Ag Water District

- Legal - June 3rd group WID mtg.
 - Lummi proposed water negotiations was briefly reviewed. Those attending felt more encouraged than discouraged after the discussion at Lummi.
 - Prepare for a fall strategy session where Bill will give more information on what our legal status on numerous issues may be. A legal timeline addressing Rolf’s questions about: 1) what is in the Point Elliot Treaty and what legal cases have clarified the law since, 2) how is a “sustainable fishery” defined and who defines it, 3) river management/sediment removal.
 - Farmers are split about the likelihood of success of negotiations but unanimous in agreement that we should be part of it.

- The board expressed the desirability of having measurable goals to judge our progress rather than amorphous ones which can never be satisfactorily realized.
- Ed cannot make the upcoming AWB meeting on the 17th. SL alternates are Landon, Jeff, and Rolf.
- Media relations
 - Agincourt contract scope was reviewed. A more proactive and preemptive strategy for countering false reports about ag is being developed.
 - The additional contract requires a \$33k increase in AWB budget which results in an increase for the South Lynden WID. Rod moved approval of the budget increase, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.

III. New Business

A. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results were briefly discussed. Rod noted that even with no rain and few manure applications some numbers remained above our goals.
- Fred noted that he expected to reconvene the CRM work group in July so that they could better feed into the developing response to the Lummi water proposals.
- Fred reported on a meeting with the Governor’s representative and the State Shellfish Director.

B. Water Quantity

- Planning Unit debate on unpermitted uses put the idea to bed for awhile. There is no willingness to disrupt one sector of the economy until it is clear that enforcing on unpermitted well users would actually help stream flows.

C. Update of WID Comprehensive Plan

- Grant application process in process with a Strategy team made up of – Aneka Sweeney, Joanne Greenberg, Katie Gaut, Frank Corey

D. Education–

- Website www.southlyndenwid.com
- Bertrand Education efforts – June 24th Workshop, updates to the State of the Watershed reports

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

July 14 *if needed*
 August 11 *if needed*
 September 8

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Whatcom Farm Friends

Approved by _____