

# South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: March 13, 2018 Meeting, 1pm – 3pm

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  
 David Haggith                      \_\_\_\_\_ Dan Noteboom                      \_\_\_\_\_ Jake De Hoog  
*x = present*                      *o = absent with notice*                      *t = teleconference*

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of February 13 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills  
Jeff moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Rod seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### II. Ag Water Board

- a. Rod asked to be replaced as the lead AWB representative from the South Lynden WID. Landon appointed Jeff to that position.
- b. March Board meeting – planned for March 21
- c. AWB “Next Steps” proposal
  - Vet with Lummi - Present as logical progression of the process they outlined in 2015. Greg’s connection with Chairman Julius is the most logical means of advancing this conversation.
  - Emphasis on implementing projects – demonstrate our commitments as stated in our newsletter.
  - Goal of having Lummi and AWB advance Drainage Based Management at the Watershed Management Board this Fall
- d. Foster Task Force pilot program – opportunity for all WID members with a surface water right that you would consider moving to groundwater.
  - Need a list of applicants by June 1
  - Would apply for funds to cover water right transfer processing and cost share
- e. Spring Workshop – a workshop for farmers prior to the irrigation season is being developed. Topics should include the opportunity to participate in surface to ground transfers, seasonal transfers, and how we might distribute water from deep aquifers or storage facilities via a water bank or exchange.
- f. Other strategies – emphasis should be on obtaining new water rights before we work on transfers and seasonal transfers or water banks. Check with Bill about the potential of redoing the in-stream flows on the River.
- g. Office relocation – 204 Hawley Street
  - Rent increase - \$1,200/mo. – shared with Family Farmers

### III. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Ditch maintenance – March 20 field tour with County and WDFW – Fred is coordinating. Frank Corey is likely to attend as well. North Lynden initiated this for their projects. There is time for other WIDs to have this team look at projects as well
- b. Fish Map – the 5-year permit needs to be on our website. We couldn’t locate the fish presence map on the site.
- c. 5-year programmatic permit – identify 2018 projects
  - Vegetation in the ditch at Abbot and Hannegan
  - Theil Road culvert
  - Noon from Van Dyk north

### IV. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – David presented good results. The board was please the large numbers from this fall that were the result of a lab error had been partially corrected but remained concerned that the numbers were still identified as high on the website. Both Ed and David will talk with Michael.
- b. Shellfish beds – David noted the DOH would be doing intensive monitoring in Portage Bay during the April – June closure. They will be concentrating on sampling following rain events to see if they can develop a correlation between rainfall and high counts. He also mentioned that the DOE and sometimes the WSDA were flying weekly throughout the spring to be alerted to problem management.
- c. CAFO permit – Katrina is new in this role at the DOE. The Board would like to connect with her to let here see what is happening locally.
- d. Sediment – Ecology meeting – Fred connected with Ecology who made it clear this was not a new priority for enforcement but simply a response to complaints for two isolated incidents.
- e. South Lynden source tracking project report – likely to be presented at the April SLWID meeting.
- f. DNA support – the State has \$125k applied to furthering DNA work. An RFP will be issued soon. Exact Scientific’s project should be a prime candidate.

**V. Education/Communications**

- a. Website - [www.southlyndenwid.com](http://www.southlyndenwid.com)
- b. E-Newsletter – still being developed

**VI. Other Items from Commissioners**

- a. Potential of using the storage potential of the gravel pits. The board wondered how we might research this. Henry felt that this is precisely the kind of project that would be examined as part of a drainage based management process.

**VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

April 10. Board is inclined to skip the May, July, and August meetings. We will leave them on the calendar but are likely to cancel these meetings if the agenda is light.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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