

# South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: November 8, 2016 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                       Heather McKay                       Dave Hooper  
x = present                      o = absent with notice                      t = teleconference

### 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.

The hearing was called to order at 3:07. With no one present to challenge the assessment roll Jeff moved to adjourn the hearing, Landon seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of October 11 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
2016 Assessments Received		\$64,092.50		
Fund Balance @ 10/1/2016		\$35,139.48		
Fund Balance @ 11/1/2016		\$48,998.74		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$48,998.74
Outstanding bills:				\$4,169.60
Ag Water Board	<i>Nov AWB</i>		\$3,609.60	
N3	<i>Water Quality testing</i>		\$560.00	
<b>End of Month Balance</b>				<b>\$44,829.14</b>
	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
AWB	45,758	29,450.07	16,307.93	
Projects	25,000	3,468.00	21,532.00	
Adm/Insurance	7,188	3,891.00	3,297.00	
	<b>77,946</b>	<b>36,809.07</b>	<b>41,136.93</b>	

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

### II. Old Business

- A. Ag Water Board report
  - Legal
    - Lummi Settlement Update (in Executive Session)
- B. Ground water Modeling - model review is taking place
  - The Final Draft Conceptual Model Report has been uploaded to the WRIA 1 project website and is available for review. Comments on the report are due December 1st. <http://wria1project.whatcomcounty.org/Resource-Library/2016-Draft-Phase-2-Data-Collection-And-Conceptual-/118.aspx>. The use of the model to help identify a reasoned mitigation for the effect of ground water withdrawals on surface flows was discussed.

## IV. New Business

### A. Administrative

- Board nominations – Rod and Landon the only nominees – 3 year terms

### B. Ditch & Dike Maintenance

- Ditch maintenance – DID #21 – Landon will investigate
- Ditch mowing – partnership with County on maintenance. Bertrand WID is interested in gauging the interest of other WIDs to pursuing a partnership with the County on ditch maintenance. Ben Stuit is already providing this service for the Diking Districts.
- Beaver trapping – being handled by the DIDs.
- Programmatic Drainage Permits - WCD Grant application in – hopefully know by the first of the year. This would help us develop a 5-year maintenance plan for mowing, spraying, and cleaning.

### C. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results were emailed to the Board by David.
- Exact Scientific – source tracking technology paper was distributed. They are seeking \$90k to make the equipment they purchased operational. Jeff moved to approve using up to \$5k in SLWID funds to provide samples and analysis to further the advancement of establishing these tests as a legitimate water quality tool, Landon seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- N monitoring model in Kamm - Heather and Dave presented the pilot program that Dave has been working on in Kamm. This grew out of the Natural Resource marketplace concept. Dave is interested in partnering with the SLWID to validate the model that WWU has constructed. The Board is interested in continued dialogue but had difficulty envisioning how N modeling would help farmers.
- RFP for effects of solar radiation – Heather wondered if the issue of increased fecal counts in shaded areas was more because of increased wildlife habitat than the die off caused by solar radiation. She will coordinate with Nicole and Chris Benedict to help focus what a potential research project might address.

### D. Water Quantity

- Whatcom Water Supply Coalition – has not been meeting the last months but has a meeting planned to mid-November. The County's plan to address the *Hirst* case will be a prominent agenda item for a while. Henry noted that the Legislature would have numerous proposals to consider to try to address the implications of this decision. Bill will be seeking opportunities to address irrigation and stockwater concerns in these bills. There is also a need to determine the difference between impact and impairment of groundwater withdrawals in closed basins.

### E. Education

- WCD Speaker Series – South Lynden program on November 17<sup>th</sup> – need a Board member to introduce. Ed plans to attend.
- A guest speaker from the Klamath Basin will provide some thoughts.
- Booth for the AWB and WIDs at the Small Fruit Conference – Nov 30-Dec 1. Henry will obtain large maps of each WID. Fred is working with Gerald to get banners, etc. for the AWB booth. Fred will work on a poster better explaining the relationship between the AWB and Family Farmers.
- Website [www.southlyndenwid.com](http://www.southlyndenwid.com)

## IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

December 13

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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