

# South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: November 14, 2017 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                       Dillon Honcoop                       Fred Likkel  
 David Haggith                       Dan Noteboom                       Sherm Polinder  
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.

Ed opened the meeting as the Board of Equalization. With no objections to the Assessment Roll Jeff moved to close, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously. Ed then opened the regular meeting.

### I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of October 17 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>10/1/2017</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>11/1/2017</u>	<u>ANNUAL TOTAL</u>
2017 Assessments Received		\$22,948.76		\$66,916.52
Fund Balance	\$60,156.87		\$58,205.95	
Beginning Year Balance			\$48,582.28	
Outstanding bills:				<b>\$9,541.34</b>
Ag Water Board		<i>Nov, Dec AWB Admin</i>	<b>\$8,869.34</b>	
N3		<i>Water Quality testing</i>	<b>\$672.00</b>	
<b>End of Month Balance</b>				<b>\$48,664.61</b>
	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	53,216	53,216.04		-0.04
Projects	21,109	10,623.48	\$9,500.00	985.52
Insurance/Adm	4,191	2,994.67		1,196.33
	<b>78,516</b>	<b>66,834.19</b>	<b>\$9,500.00</b>	<b>2,181.81</b>

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

### II. Administrative

- A. Review Priority Issue and Activity lists, 2018 Plans – 2017 Plan has been placed on the website <https://www.southlyndenwid.com/projects>. An updated 2018 priority action plan should be addressed at future meetings.

### III. Water Quality

- A. South Lynden source tracking project – data is being collected but has not yet been analyzed.
- B. Monitoring Results – generally good reports
- C. ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – more units are going in in the next few months.

### IV. Water Supply

- A. Water Supply Work Group report
  - Review and discuss “Next Steps” draft

- Support from State via \$450k budget request
- Supported by the Planning Unit
- Support via Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Water Supply symposium

The Board spent a significant time understanding the background and direction of the AWB's next step proposal. This is being discussed at all the WIDs this month in preparation for the December 20<sup>th</sup> AWB meeting. There was support for the AWB leading with a proposal to the other water users but details still need to be addressed. The risk of pushing this drainage based implementation plan was weighed against no action and hoping that enforcement would never occur. The Board suggested a wider discussion of farmers lead by the AWB water supply committee in December. Possibly in lieu of December WID meetings.

## V. Drainage/Habitat

- Floodplain management – Fred emphasized the need for farmers to be vocal in the floodplain management planning effort currently underway. Fish needs seem to be clearly expressed in this process. Farmer needs not so much. He suggested a meeting with farmers and fish advocates like Ned from Nooksack and Alan from Lummi. We may try to have a larger group meeting of all WIDs in lieu of the December WID meetings.
- Ditch maintenance
  - Ritter Road update – Roger has not yet heard what mitigation might entail.
- Sediment removal application on Nooksack River – USGS has a study indicating the River is aggrading.

## VI. Education/Communications

- Website - [www.southlyndenwid.com](http://www.southlyndenwid.com)
- Water Supply Symposium – Dec. 13th
- E-Newsletter – Henry encouraged the board to send pictures that they could incorporate into an e-newsletter. He and Fred would continue working on an email database.

## VII. Ag Water Board

- Winter newsletter will come out in January
- Portage Bay Partnership update – no new developments.
- An AWB Board meeting is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

December 12

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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