

South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: May 12, 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 Aneka Sweeney Fred Likkel
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of April 13 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 @ 5/1/2015		\$20,900.27		
Accounts Receivable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$20,900.27
Outstanding bills:				\$6,372.45
Whatcom Farm Friends	<i>April, Media Training, website</i>		\$951.45	
N3	<i>April Water Quality testing</i>		\$440.00	
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>		\$3,000.00	
Enduris	<i>10 months Insurance</i>		\$1,981.00	
End of Month Balance				\$14,527.82

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

II. Old Business

A. Administrative

- Board per diems - Each board member signed the waiver form.
- Bedlington resignation – Scott submitted his resignation. Jeff moved to appoint Rod VandeHoef to the vacant position, Landon seconded, motion carried unanimously.

B. Ag Water Board

- Legal - June 3rd group WID mtg. - AWB is planning an evening meeting on the 3rd to discuss the meeting with Lummi and the fall strategy session.
 - Lummi proposed water negotiations – June 3rd. There was discussion over whether we should accept and if so with what terms. The CRM experience with Lummi pulling out caused dairy farmers to be reluctant to participate in a meeting without a neutral facilitator. But the majority felt that we should accept the invitation as offered. Who should go and what should be said was discussed. Consensus was to defer to the AWB to make those decisions.
 - Prepare for a fall strategy session – with Bill Clarke – explain where we stand legally to better inform an overall AWB/WID strategy.
 - May 21st, 3pm has been set for a special AWB meeting.
- Media relations

- Agincourt ideas – defer to the AWB – see the work with Gerald being more focused on getting good stories about Ag and the WIDs disseminated. Crisis response more likely to come from the sector of ag facing the challenge.
- Relationship to the Dairy Fed contract – defend a specific industry – dairies are primarily responsible for addressing the fecal challenge.
- Budget – AWB bills will be paid by rotating WIDs with year-end reconciliation

III. New Business

A. Ditch and Dike Maintenance

- identify sites for maintenance

B. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results were discussed. A Quality Assurance plan needs to be developed for the private tests being taken.

C. Water Quantity

- Planning Unit debate on unpermitted uses will be held in late May. Henry distributed a memo from the Environmental caucus and a paper on examining water markets that will be used as potential answer to how to best address unpermitted uses.

D. Update of WID Comprehensive Plan

- Grant application process – in an effort to develop a South Lynden WID Management Plan that includes baseline conditions and goals for watershed improvement Henry has asked a team including Aneka Sweeney(water quality/education), Joanne Greenberg (water quantity), Katie Gaut (GIS mapping, website), and Frank Corey (habitat, drainage, fisheries) to outline the elements, workplan, and budget by June. That outline would become the base for applying for grants that may likely help the WID develop this plan.

E. Education –

- Website www.southlyndenwid.com
- Demonstration of AWB storyboard capabilities by Aneka Sweeney. The WID provided feedback and suggestions. The intent is to seen the draft link to the board members for additional feedback and hopefully have the package ready to be hosted on the AWB website by the first of June.

F. Other Items from Commissioners

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IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

June 9 – intend to cancel the July and August meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Whatcom Farm Friends

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