

South Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: September 8, 2020 Meeting, 3 pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 830 2953 6432 Passcode: 313461

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

 x Henry Bierlink _____ Dale Buys x Fred Likkel
x = present *o = absent with notice* *t = teleconference*

Landon called the meeting to order at 3:01.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of June 9 Minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SL0920	Ag Water Board	September AWB	\$4,189.58
SL0920	N3 Consulting	quality monitoring - Jan - July	\$6,006.50
SL0920	Enduris	annual insurance	\$2,685.00
SL0920			\$0.00
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$12,881.08

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

II. Administrative

- a. Annexations - the board review several areas of potential annexation. None were obvious candidates at this time.

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Ecology report due September 1 – delayed until September 15th
 - Adjudication supported only by Tribes, Fishers, and environmental
 - Plan for Legislative education will be put into place if the Nooksack is the recommended basin.
 - Family Farmers has a campaign to inform the community of the concerns surrounding an adjudication and has generated many letters to the Governor and Ecology expressing our concerns.
- b. County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Seeking support from water users – initial feedback from the Tribes has been positive.
 - We are urging that this not create a “new” process but to energize the current work being done under the Management Board – regional water supply planning and drainage based management.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Kamm Creek reroute for bridge @ Badger – questions about the value of the \$3000 contributed by the WID for this project. Will this count as banked mitigation?
- b. Fish screen – potential projects – Rod has been in contact with Corinna.
- c. Ditch maintenance
 - a. Van Weerdhuizen drainage – Rolf moved to allow the County to use our HPA for the Noon ditch cleaning, Jeff seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- d. Flood Committee update – Fred noted that others are starting to realize that the River has been building up with sediments. Some of the earlier flood projections are being revised.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – generally good results. WSDA has sent a letter to dairies alerting them to fall practices that need to be well managed.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated but slowly. Fred reported that Kent could not get the extra labor help he had counted on from Karen Steensma’s students because of the border shutdown. The CD offered to help but not likely until early 2021. Fred is encouraging Kent to get this started this fall.
- c. EQIP – The CD sent a schedule for EQIP requests. It is not clear who can help farmers prepare applications with Chris Clark moving south. He is still helping with ongoing contracts. However, new applications may be more difficult. Frank Corey is willing to help on habitat related projects.
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – Fred noted that the DOH is much more open to accepting diverse contributions to fecal issues rather than so focused on dairies. They are also relooking at their testing procedures.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.southlyndenwid.com

VII. Other Items from Commissioners

- a. Pipeline – questions about the cost of pipelines toward solving some of the supply issues was debated. Henry will send the report that was done for the PUD, Bertrand, and Lynden 10+ years ago.
- b. PUD help – A conversation with Steve from the PUD about options for supplying water to the SLWID was requested. Moving the PUD right upstream of the SLWID and allowing downstream withdrawals to draw upon that right seems an obvious solution. The WID would like to know how to advance this idea. To be scheduled at the October or November meeting.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Landon adjourned the meeting at 4:35.
October 13
November 10

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____