

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: February 17, 2015 Meeting, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Attending:

<u>o</u>	Casey Lankhaar	<u>x</u>	Roger Bajema	<u>x</u>	Don Van Mersbergen
<u>x</u>	Darryl Vander Haak	<u>x</u>	Larry Stap	<u> </u>	Frank Corey
<u> </u>	Dale Buys	<u>x</u>	Henry Bierlink	<u>x</u>	John Gillies
<u> </u>	Steve Seymour	<u> </u>	Mark Sandal	<u> </u>	George Boggs

x = present

o = absent with notice

Guests: Steve Fox, Erica Strobel Whatcom County
Aneka Sweeney, Whatcom Conservation District
Fred Likkel, Washington State Dairy Federation

Larry called the meeting to order at 10:05.

I. Consent Agenda

(the following are approved in a single motion if there is a consensus to do so. If a board member cannot consent they can remove the questionable item(s) from the Consent Agenda and discuss it under Old Business).

A. Approval of minutes –December 16, 2014

B. Financial Report – payment of bills

Cash as of January 30, 2015

\$ 4,778.14

Operating Expenses

\$ - 197.56

\$ 4,580.58

Roger moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Darryl seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Open Meetings Act Training - Henry reminded board members that this is required by the Legislature for each member to complete the on-line training. Upon completion bring a copy of your completion certificate to the office for our files.

Training site can be accessed at <http://agr/wa/gov/Portals/CommFair/OPMA.aspx>

B. Spray payments – List of payments received is attached. Still a few outstanding payments due from 2014.

C. Manure application legislation –Larry attended the Legislative meeting in Olympia on this proposed rule and provided testimony as to its deficiencies. It appears that this rule making will not move forward.

D. RFQ issued for Administrative, Legal and Engineering Support: Henry briefed the board on the process to solicit services for the newly formed WIDS. The idea is to contract for the required support.

III. New Business

A. Ag Water District development

A. Inter-local Agreement draft 3, was provided for board review. Larry Stap expressed concern with the assessment procedure and did not recommend that the NLWID agree to the current draft.

- B. Ditch Maintenance: Larry Stap reviewed photos of locations throughout the district that are in need of drainage maintenance. About 25 individual sites requiring attention were identified. The locations of priority needs were noted on a map for the county. Priority road ditch maintenance includes sections of the Benson, Bender and Assink roads.
- C. Water Quality Monitoring Plan - Erica Strobel presented water quality data showing lower Nooksack tributary stream Fecal Coliform levels. Fishtrap Creek data indicate that fecal contamination may be increasing over time. The board discussed with Erica potential monitoring sites and agreed to assist in informing WID landowners of the proposed monitoring. Erica and the board indicated on a WID map the preferred monitoring locations.
- D. Motion to provide WID cooperation on Water Quality – Fred Likkel provided background on the proposed motion that has been approved by other county WIDS. Motion by R. Bajema **“to commit the North Lynden WID’s involvement with the County and Conservation District in the Coordinated Resource Management (CRM) program in order to aggressively support a positive response to the Fecal Coliform water quality challenge.”** Motion seconded by VanderHaak. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting

March 17, 10am – 12 noon at Farm Friends office.