

# North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

## Meeting Minutes for:

### April 17, 2012 Meeting, 10 am – 12:00 pm

*Ag Central      1796 Front Street      Lynden, WA 98264*

Attending:

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**Motion by Stap to approve the consent agenda. Second Vander Haak. Motion passed**

## II. Correspondence

None

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- a. Evaluate last year's vegetation control (spray) program; photos of treated areas – Gillies presented a series of slides taken June 7, 2011 showing areas along Double Ditch Creek that had been sprayed in the fall of 2010 to control reed canary grass. Overall, the treatment was effective in controlling and suppressing grass invasion.
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additional survey work is planned for this summer. A Natural Resource Market analysis will be completed by the Willamette Group. Cost is estimated to be in the 8 million dollar range by Lynden. Some think this estimate is too high.

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#### **IV. New Business**

- a. Renew insurance policy **Motion by VanderHaak, second Bajema to pay \$1500 premium. Passed**
- b. Administration costs for NLWID – Henry discussed costs of operation for Farm Friends to provided support to NLWID. The Bertrand WID reimburses Farm Friends \$50 per month for operation costs. Henry suggested \$25 for NLWID. Also, cost of administrative support to meetings etc. Henry estimated about 5 hours per month for general support of 4 meeting per year. Board is open to this. No action taken.

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Respectfully submitted

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- a. Approval of minutes –April 17, 2012 - Roger moved to approve, Darryl seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. Financial Report – Henry reported that the fund had a \$4,186.39 balance. Approximately \$3,000 was from assessments and another \$1,650 from spray reimbursements. Larry moved to approve the report and pay expenses totaling \$3789.57, Don seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## II. Old Business

- a. Board nominations, appointments – terms ending for Casey, Larry. The following public notice was approved to be published. Roger moved to nominate Casey and Larry to another term, Darryl seconded, both agreed to continue, motion carried 3-0-2 with Casey and Larry abstaining.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** – *Bertrand and North Lynden Watershed Improvement Districts*

*Residents within the Bertrand and North Lynden Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to:*

- 1) *Nominate candidates for election to the Board of the District – two positions in Bertrand, two in North Lynden – candidates must file with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, not later than five o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in November.*
- 2) *Inspect the 2013 Assessment Role and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in the Bertrand will be heard at 2 pm, November 6, 2012, for North Lynden at 10 am, November 20, 2012, both at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for both Districts are available for inspection from October 10 to November 20.*

*Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at:*

*Bertrand Watershed Improvement District*

*North Lynden Watershed Improvement District*

*1796 Front Street, Lynden*

- b. Spray program – Henry was asked to email the report of those who had not paid their portion of the spraying in 2011. The 2012 spraying had occurred and Casey will send out the invoices shortly. Henry was also asked to inquire if the Bertrand WID had interest in spraying their side of Double Ditch.
- c. County grant featuring Fishtrap – Casey and Larry have been serving on the Review Committee for this project. They agreed it is complicated but it deserved some time to develop.
- d. DOT Road projects
  - a. Badger Rd. – There remains concerns about the impact of the new roundabouts on the drainage pattern for the entire area. Larry moved we send a letter to DOT outlining our concerns and potential liabilities that we might bear as a result of this project, Darryl seconded, motion passed 4-0 -1 with Roger abstaining. The letter should address the amount of water coming through the system from Canada, the acres drained, and the impact on farmland.
  - b. Guide Meridian – similar concerns about this project were voiced. The Bertrand WID has met with DOT expressing concerns.

### III. New Business

- a. Resolution to set 2013 Budget and Assessment Rate. Larry moved to approve, Roger seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### 2013 Budget

##### Income

2013 Assessments	\$ 2,992
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##### Expenses

Directors Insurance	\$ 1,500
Administration	\$ 1,492
	<b>\$ 2,992</b>

- b. Resolution to approve 2013 Assessment Role. Roger moved to approve, Darryl seconded, motion carried unanimously. There will be an opportunity for landowners to contest the assessment at the Board of Equalization hearing at the beginning of the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- c. Double Ditch-
  - a. The City of Lynden informed Casey that they were maintaining the ditch adequately and had no need to spray the portion within the City limits. The board disagreed and Larry moved to have Casey send them a letter expressing our concern, Don seconded , motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Puget Power – Larry moved to have Casey send a letter to Puget or the telephone company expressing our concern over the pole that is in the middle of the east ditch just north of Badger Road, Don seconded, , motion carried unanimously. The City of Lynden and the Flood management division of the County should be cc'ed.

- d. Beaver dams – the WID Board expressed concern that a number of beaver dams would continue to have a negative impact on drainage. The WID encourages landowners to maintain drainage on their farms.
- e. Vince Buys - Rep. Buys offered to help the WID with issues with State law. He was asked to have WDFW make it clear where in the law they have the authority to require mitigation for ditch and dike maintenance. It seems that whenever a hydraulic permit is issued there is some mitigation requirement. The WID is not convinced this is consistently enforced around the state.

#### **IV. Adjournment/Next Meeting**

Next regularly scheduled meeting: November 20, 2012 10am - noon