

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: December 16, 2014 Meeting, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Attending:

<u> x </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> o </u>	John Gillies
<u> </u>	Steve Seymour	<u> </u>	Mark Sandal	<u> </u>	George Boggs

x = present

o = absent with notice

Larry called the meeting to order at 10:05. No one appeared for the **Board of Equalization Hearing**. Casey, moved to close the hearing, Daryl seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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 –November 4, 2014

B. Financial Report – payment of bills

Cash	as of Nov. 30 th	\$ 4,740.77
Farm Friends	spray letter, postage	\$ - 20.25
Lynden Tribune	legal ads	<u>\$ - 177.31</u>
		\$ 4,543.21

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

II. Old Business

- A. Board membership - Roger was the only nominee for the open board position, Casey moved to appoint Roger to continue his service on the Board for a three year term, Don seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Finalize Assessment Roll - No changes to the Roll that was accepted at the November meeting.

- B. Spray payments – A few delinquent landowners were discussed with board members willing to talk to them about getting their payments in.

- C. Manure application legislation –Larry is spending considerable time making sure the discussion in Olympia is focused on real rather than imagined issues.

III. New Business

A. Ag Water District development

- Board of Joint Control petition
- December 17th WID Board training and strategic plan development

Only Darryl and possibly Roger can attend the meeting. Henry explained that the purpose will be to better understand the powers of the WIDs and to develop ideas about how all the WIDs can best work together.

B. Water Banking Forum – January 8

C. Priority Setting

- Review of current activities – Henry
 - i. Water Budget
 - ii. Groundwater modeling
 - iii. Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program
 - iv. Watershed Planning Unit
 - v. Coordinated Water Resources Plan update – potable water
 - vi. Flood Management Advisory Board
 - vii. Drainage Districts
- Action Items/Priorities

Drainage

maintain a spraying program on roadside ditches

Explore mitigation options for cleaning permits - cleaning is in itself a fish benefit

Work with County road Dept. to prioritize areas to clean early in the year.

Water quality

monitoring is crucial. Focus on real problems not imagined ones.

Push State and County to use proper protocols and consistently test in numerous locations

Water rights

Important but believe that other WIDs are better equipped to push ideas and actions.

Important to know who has rights and what rights are senior.

Flood management

Localized, covered by drainage priorities

IV. **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

February 17 – 10am - Roger will invite Jeff Gollen and Steve Fox from the Whatcom County Road Dept. . Board members will come with up to three locations where they see work should be done.