

North Lynden Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 18, 2016 Meeting, 10 am – Noon

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

 x Larry Stap x Brad Rader x Don Van Mersbergen
 x Darryl VanderHaak o Roger Bajema

 x Henry Bierlink Dale Buys Chuck Lindsay
 o Mark Sandal o Fred Likkel x Erika Douglas
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

A. Review and Approval of September 20 Minutes

B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1	\$0.00			\$0.00
2016 Assessments Received		\$13,514.14		
Fund Balance @ 9/1/2016		\$11,384.29		
Fund Balance @ 10/1/2016		\$11,503.45		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$11,503.45
Outstanding bills:				\$1,654.40
Ag Water Board	October AWB	\$1,654.40		
End of Month Balance				\$9,849.05

	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	19,888	11,841.31	8,046.69
Projects	1,489	150.00	1,339.00
Adm/Insurance	2,240	2,258.00	-18.00
	23,617	14,249.31	9,367.69

Brad moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Darryl seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Old Business

A. Ag Water Board report

- 2017 Workplan and Budget
- Legal
 - Lummi Settlement Update (in Executive Session)
- AWB Issues Summary – for County Council education
- Critical Area update – comments on CAO in cooperation with WFF and Farm Bureau

III. New Business

A. Administrative

- Resolutions for 2017
 - Budget planning for 2017
 - Assessment rate – Brad moved to approve Resolution 2016-1 setting the 2017 Assessment rate at \$6/acre and the total budget at \$35,490. Darryl seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Assessment Roll – Brad moved approval of Resolution 2016-2 establishing the 2017 Assessment Roll, Darryl seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Legal Notice in Tribune Oct. 12, 19, 26
- Board nominations – Larry talked to Kevin Te Velde, Brad will talk with Jeff.

- Letter to landowners – draft was reviewed. Larry and Brad will work on a new version.

B. Ditch & Dike Maintenance

- Ditch maintenance
 - Assink and Bender cleanouts are completed.
 - Spray program was completed
 - Mitigation will be needed by spring
- Programmatic Drainage Permits - WCD Grant application – should know by the end of the year.

C. Water Quality

- Water quality testing results – Erika presented data results with an emphasis on the Double Ditch system. Discussion on how to best involve landowners in the problem solving.
- Erika asked for specific results that she would report to the grant providers. They are looking for tangible evidence the grant dollars are doing good.
- ZAP unit locations are still being developed. One is planned to the boundary on Double Ditch.
- Exact Scientific – source tracking technology has been purchased. They will be looking for support in building a baseline of potential sources.
- Report on landowner contacts – Larry has spoken to several neighbors about our efforts and the occasional high counts.

D. Water Quantity

- Whatcom Water Supply Coalition – The PUD was coordinating an effort to establish a Drought Response Program in Whatcom using support from the Bureau of Reclamation. They are having some issues gathering the 50% matching funds that the \$100k grant requires. Having the Drought Plan in place opens up the opportunity to garner support for more water banking work.
- Groundwater Forum – October 19th
- Birch Bay Water and Sewer Deep Aquifer project was referenced

E. Education

- WCD Speaker Series – North Lynden program on December 15th
- AWB/WID Newsletter – 1,350 mailed late September
- Website www.northlyndenwid.com

IV. **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

November 15

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____