

Sumas Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 10, 2017 Meeting, 1 - 3 pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Terry Lenssen Andy Enfield Keith Boon
 Rod Perry Brad Rader

David Haggith Henry Bierlink Fred Likkel
 Frank Corey Andy Bowler Charlie McKenna
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of September 12 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Available</u>
Grant #1				
2017 Assessments Received		\$55,026.23		
Fund Balance 7/1/2017		\$66,908.77		
Fund Balance 10/1/2017		\$52,121.94		
Accounts Payable				
Invoices Submitted for reimbursement				
TOTAL Available				\$52,121.94
Outstanding bills:				\$14,747.00
Ag Water Board <i>Sept., Oct AWB Admin</i>			\$12,564.00	
Ag Water Board <i>meeting expenses</i>			\$783.00	
N3 <i>Water quality monitoring</i>			\$1,400.00	
End of Month Balance				\$37,374.94
	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
AWB	75,384	62,820.00	12,564.00	
Projects	13,110	9,184.00	3,926.00	
Insurance/Adm	4,191	3,938.86	252.14	
	92,685	75,942.86	16,742.14	

Terry moved approval of the Consent agenda with the note that the Board wants to see a balance on hand line on future reports, Rod seconded, motion approved unanimously.

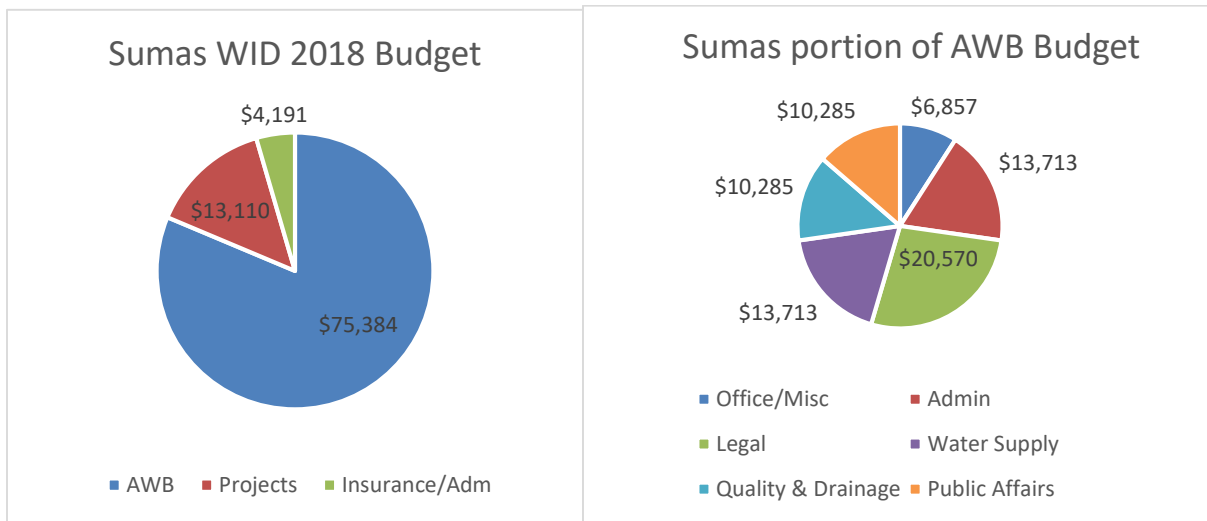
II. Administrative

- A. Review and approve Priority Issue and Activity lists

Priorities	2017 Action Priorities	Notes/Actions
1. Water Quality	Continued water quality testing	
	Consider a Fall meeting with landowners like was done in February	Held a Sept mtg
2. Water Rights	Support the AWB	In process
3. Agricultural protection		
4. Communication, Outreach, Education	Outreach and education with our land owners	Make spring board tour a regular event
	Ditch cleaning projects	Preparing appl for Pangborn Creek

	Work with Lane Stremler on culvert replacements	Completed 1 at Veenacres
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- B. Review Comprehensive Plan – The SWID will devote 5-10 minutes from each meeting to review and update the Plan focusing on – “Communication/Outreach” - Update @:
- https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/1ecc69_29a63351e4444698b023f727b1b66e61.pdf
- C. 2018 Workplan & Budget
- Resolution 2017-1 – Setting the 2018 Assessment Rate and Budget – Andy moved approval of 2017-1 setting the 2018 rate at \$5/acre, Terry seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - Resolution 2017-2 – Adopting the 2018 Assessment Roll – Terry moved approval of 2017-2, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - November 14th Board of Equalization Hearing– Henry noted the need for a quorum at the November 14th meeting.



III. Water Quality

- A. Monitoring Results – Fred noted that samples were looking good.
- B. South Lynden source tracking project – slow progress on DNA work on Scott Ditch.

IV. Water Supply

- A. Water Supply Work Group report – Henry updated the Board on the following elements which are beginning to build towards a renewed “Drainage Based Management” effort to implement the county-wide strategies developed in the Watershed Management Plan.
- Renewed push for drainage by drainage negotiations leading to binding agreements
 - Support from State via \$450k budget request
 - Supported by the Planning Unit
 - Support building via Baker to Bay and upcoming Water Supply symposium

V. Drainage/Habitat

- A. Ditch maintenance
- Pangborn Ditch Project – Stremler Gravel and DID #31 cooperated with the SWID to replace a failing culvert with a bridge. An application for cleaning the ditch will be prepared for 2018. DID #31 contributed \$5000. SWID has \$3,900 in our 2017 project budget that might be applied.
 - NSEA and Nooksack High seem to be available to help with mitigation planting.

- B. Culvert replacement – The County culvert on Van Buren was discussed with the County Public Works representatives. It is potentially a 2019 replacement project.
- C. Saar Creek – Brad will check with Keith and Javier on the issue of how the stream is managed with the hole in the berm on Mungers land.
- D. DID meeting reports – Saar, Johnson – Terry reported on the discussions at the Johnson meeting. We need to connect with Keith to see how much the Saar cleanout costs and if the SWID will be asked for a contribution.
- E. 5-year programmatic permit – Frank will be working on this permit. The board would like to have him and Joel attend the November 14th meeting and discuss the draft stream categorization map.

VI. Education/Communications

- A. Website - www.sumaswid.com
- B. Water Supply Symposium – meeting has been rescheduled to December 13th. Bill Clarke and Chuck Lindsay will be presenting.
- C. WFF November 2 Farmer Rally – Fred encouraged the board to attend and let others know about it.
- D. Floodplain Implementation Plan – Fred alerted the Board to a November 2, 10am meeting where Ned Currence of the Nooksack Tribe will be presenting on fish needs. He felt this would be a great opportunity for WID members to ask questions to both better understand the fish issues and to challenge the fish advocates on conflicting stories.
- E. NLWID Newsletter – Henry showed the e-newsletter developed by the NLWID as an example to follow. Templates have been built for all the WIDs. What is needed is pictures of projects that the WID helped develop and an email list of WID members. Henry and Fred will work on the list.

VII. Ag Water Board

- A. Winter newsletter will be produced. Subject ideas are welcomed.
- B. Portage Bay Partnership update – no new news.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting

November 14

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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