

Sumas Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: September 10, 2019 Meeting, 1 - 3 pm

Ag Central 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

_____ Terry Lenssen Andy Enfield Keith Boon
_____ Rod Perry Brad Rader

_____ David Haggith Henry Bierlink _____ Fred Likkel
_____ Alan Chapman _____ Joel Ingram Frank Corey

x = present

o = absent with notice

t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of June 11 Minutes
- b. Financial Report – *see financial report in board packet*
- c. The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Ag Water Board	<i>July - September AWB</i>	\$18,991.68
N3	<i>wq monitoring - June, July</i>	\$855.00
JTI Commercial	<i>Pangborn ditch mowing</i>	\$748.65
	TOTAL - Month	\$20,595.33

Andy moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Keith seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Perry replacement – seat open this fall, Terry also up for reelection – Keith talked to Al Sytsma who indicated a willingness to serve. Keith moved to nominate Al to serve in seat #3 (Rod’s old seat) with the appointment to take effect in regular election cycle (January 1st), Andy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. Potential annexations were discussed. The Lawrence area and the South Fork Valley are potential areas for inclusion in either the Sumas or South Lynden WIDs.
- c. 2020 workplan, budget discussion – a question concerning the effects of the AWB water supply grants. Would this alleviate some of the AWB’s water supply budget allowing the WIDs to keep more for projects?

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Drainage Based Management (DBM) – initiated as a subset of the Water Supply Plan facilitated by the PUD – Drayton and Bertrand are primed to begin as there is funding from grants managed by the PUD and Birch Bay Water and Sewer. Meeting with Tribes later September to formalize which pilots are advanced. Work on identifying the technical participants for each pilot will follow.
- b. Streamflow Restoration Grant – \$150k available this fall for advancing projects described in the grant application – surface to ground conversions and augmentation. Some funds to advance DBM as a means to identify these projects.
- c. Drought Response Plan – grant opportunity for more funding of water banks, transfers, etc.
- d. Shared Waters, Challenges, and Solutions – forum on latest developments in local water negotiations – 6pm, September 19th – partially sponsored by AWB

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Pangborn ditch project – Brad, Frank – permits are in place – Stremmer’s are too busy. Hopefully Honcoop Gravel can do it. Brad has talked to Ryan about doing the fish management portion of the project.
- b. Budget for projects – how much should the WID apply to the Pangborn project? There is little money left in the 2019 project budget but over \$50k in reserve funds. The DD #15 project led by Keith will also be seeking support with \$45k left to be raised. Keith will

come back in a future meeting once he gets news about how much DD #15 will be applying to the balance.

- c. Ditch mowing – meeting with County 9am September 23rd to discuss partnerships in ditch maintenance. Keith and Henry are attending. Other Board members are invited. It is located in the 1st conference room of the Civic Building, 322 N Commercial, Bellingham.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – David had sent results a few weeks back and will send new results shortly.
- b. Fall letter to landowners – Henry showed a letter drafted by Fred that the other WIDs were planning to send. The Board agreed but urged Fred to edit it down to one page.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.sumaswid.com
- b. Meeting in Sumas in October was discussed. Decision was to wait until spring when we have more data to present.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

October 8
November 12

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____