

Sumas Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: February 13, 2018 Meeting, 11 am - 1 pm

Bob's Burger and Brew, Sumas

Terry Lenssen Andy Enfield Keith Boon
 Rod Perry Brad Rader

David Haggith Henry Bierlink Jay Van Middendorp
 Mike Horat Kevin Elenbaas Marv Vreugdenhil
 Al Systma Art Vander Waal Marty Vreugdenhil
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of January 9 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills

	<u>1/1/2018</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>2/1/2018</u>	<u>ANNUAL TOTAL</u>
2017 Assessments Received		\$0.00		\$0.00
Fund Balance	\$62,435.63		\$56,150.44	
Beginning Year Balance			\$62,435.63	
Outstanding bills:				\$12,484.57
Ag Water Board	<i>Feb AWB</i>		\$6,285.19	
Stremler Gravel	<i>Pangborn ditch project</i>		\$4,204.38	
WA State Auditor	<i>2017 Audit</i>		\$931.00	
N3	<i>Water Quality testing</i>		\$1,064.00	
End of Month Balance				\$43,665.87
	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AWB	75,422	12,570.38		62,851.62
Projects	13,783	5,268.38		8,514.62
Insurance/Adm	3,500	931.00		2,569.00
	92,705	18,769.76	\$0.00	73,935.24

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

II. Administrative

- a. Review Priority Issue and Activity lists – 2018 Action priorities
 1. Ditch cleaning project
 2. Continued water quality testing
 3. Outreach and education with our land owners

III. Ag Water Board

- a. Strategic Planning sessions – The Ag Water Board is focusing on crafting a clear set of positions conveying our perspectives on what needs to happen at the Watershed Management Board. The next meeting is set for February 21st.
- b. County response to water legislation
 1. Moratorium on accepting building permits has been lifted
 2. Update watershed plan to address in-stream flow goals – advancing projects that enhance watershed health must be included in the Plan Addendum due in February, 2019.
 3. Planning Unit as place for community discussion – The AWB has worked to rejuvenate the drainage seat on the Planning Unit. Fred will serve as lead backed up by Loren Vander Yacht and Jeff De Jong.
 4. AWB's place in Management Board has been made official. We are an "AD HOC" member.

- c. AWB “Next Steps” proposal is continuing to get internal feedback from the WIDs. The AWB has a goal of making this proposal public in later March.
 1. Vet with Lummi – AWB wants Lummi feedback before the ideas are presented to the public. How to best approach Lummi is being explored.
 2. Present as logical progression of the process they outlined in 2015 – a draft of our proposal indicating how it follows behind the ideas Lummi presented in 2015 was discussed.
- d. Winter newsletter – The AWB newsletter is in final layout and should be out later this month.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Ditch maintenance – Mike noted that DID #15 was working on a pump at the gas plant. He mentioned that Mungers’ maintenance on the Rock Road ditch had helped drainage significantly.
- b. Saar trap cleaning and ditch spraying support request – Andy moved to provide \$2,500 to DID #15 for help with their sediment trap cleaning and spray program, Rod seconded. The Saar commissioners felt this was a small fraction of their expenses but the SWID project budget was not large enough to contribute more. The SWID board also recognized they need to address projects through the WID, not just in the Saar area. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. 5-year programmatic permit – The final permit application was signed.
- d. Pangborn ditch project – work to finish the cleaning of the ditch is planned this fall.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – David distributed the recent results and led the group in a discussion of problem areas and potential solutions. The willows along Johnson creek seem to be impeding drainage and contributing to water quality challenges. David will look into the potential of removing some trees.
- b. ZAP unit locations, installation, O & M, reporting – Double Ditch site is operational. We are hopeful it will help understand the very high counts coming across the border periodically.
- c. South Lynden source tracking project report - @ February 13th SLWID meeting. The State budget has \$125k devoted to this type of work. The Conservation Commission will have to go through a RFP process to distribute it.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.sumaswid.com
- b. E-Newsletter – still an idea. Needs content and a list of emails.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

March 13

12:00 – 1:30 - Meeting with Farmers prior to manure applications

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____