

Sumas Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: April 23, 2019 Meeting, 12 noon

Bob's Sumas

Terry Lenssen

Rod Perry

x = present

Andy Enfield

Brad Rader

o = absent with notice

Keith Boon

t = teleconference

David Haggith

Mark Olson

Jay Van Middendorp

Mark Bosscher

Kevin Elenbaas

Henry Bierlink

Mike Horat

Ken Maarhuis

Marv Vreugdenhil

Roger Bartels

Doug Visser

Dean Postma

Larry Van Middendorp

Dave Heeringa

Brad opened the meeting stating the purpose was to review recent water quality numbers and to keep communication open between the WID and the landowners.

David distributed some maps and spreadsheets containing monitoring numbers from around the County and specifically in the Sumas WID. He noted that there had been some high numbers recently around Lynden. The inspectors tend to focus primarily on streams affecting the shellfish beds in Portage and Drayton. That provides the Sumas area some time to make sure practices are working to protect water quality before the focus inevitably turns in this direction.

David reported that the Canadians are also getting more engaged in water quality monitoring and enforcement in part from the pressure that we've been placing on them for high counts crossing the border in the Bertrand and Fishtrap. It is not difficult to envision that they will also be looking at what the Sumas system provides to them in terms of water quality.

A question was asked about how we determined where to sample. David responded that he began by testing the streams leaving the WID along the Jones Road to see if we had any concerns. Once it was clear that there were issues from time to time we worked upstream adding additional monitoring sites to try to isolate areas where numbers were a problem.

David asked farmers to provide him email contacts so they could get the monitoring numbers as soon as he received them.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____