

# Sumas Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: April 14, 2020 Meeting, 1 - 3 pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 222 832 624

<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Terry Lenssen	<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Andy Enfield	<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Keith Boon
<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Alan Sytsma	<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> Brad Rader	
<u>  </u> t <u>  </u> David Haggith	<u>  </u> x <u>  </u> Henry Bierlink	<u>  </u> Fred Likkel

*x = present*                      *o = absent with notice*                      *t = teleconference*

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of March 10 Minutes
- b. Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*

N3 Consulting	wq monitoring- Feb	<b>\$1,150.00</b>
	TOTAL - Month	<b>\$1,150.00</b>

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

### II. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication Position Paper
  - Checking draft with local partners
  - Release to general public late April – seek support for our position
  - Send to Ecology in early May
  - Board indicated approval of the process and content
- b. Application for grant to complete more projects identified in DBM – submitted, \$500k – this will continue the work started under the \$150k grant we are currently working on.

### III. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Pangborn Creek project – Brad reported that NSEA’s crew has been planting the mitigation portion of the site and were nearing completion. Both Virgil and John seem pleased. Brad expects a small invoice from NSEA for plants they had to purpose for the project.
- b. Ditch maintenance – Clearbrook Rd. – no action

### IV. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results - David distributed the recent sampling results. A few high counts but not exceptionally high and most areas were good. Brad noted that last April was a challenging time. Hopefully the drier weather will not cause issues this year.
- b. DNA project – Proposal from Exact Scientific – Henry summarized the project proposals that Kent Oostra had submitted. There were 5 separate modules that focused on potential risk areas, each with a budget for completion. The proposed modules are:

• Dairy/Beef	\$ 9,650
• Avian	\$20,000
• Domesticated animal	\$19,200
• Human	\$17,000
• 1 animal source	<u>\$ 5,300</u>
	<b>\$71,150</b>

The LWID board met earlier and felt that this would be best coordinated by the AWB as all farmers would benefit from this work. Starting with one module was the consensus and see if we could build on that. The Bertrand WID followed this direction focusing on the Avian module. Alan moved to apply \$5,000 of the SWID project budget to the project, Terry seconded, motion carried unanimously. The goal will be for all the other WIDs to contribute proportionally to the \$20k project budget.

**V. Education/Communications**

- a. Website - [www.sumaswid.org](http://www.sumaswid.org)
- b. Ag Engineer support position – Henry reported that the AWB board had appointed a committee to study the options and make a recommendation to the WIDs in the next months. Fred is facilitating the committee which is made up of Ed Blok, Terry Lensen, Scott Bedlington, and Rod Vande Hoef.

**VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

May 12 – likely postponed  
June 9

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_