

# **Sumas Watershed Improvement District**

## **Minutes for: October 8, 2019 Meeting, 1 - 3 pm**

**Ag Central** 204 Hawley Street Lynden, WA 98264

o Terry Lenssen       Andy Enfield       Keith Boon  
 Rod Perry       Brad Rader

David Haggith       Henry Bierlink       Fred Likkel  
 Alan Sytsma       Joel Ingram       Frank Corey  
x = present      o = absent with notice      t = teleconference

### **I. Consent Agenda**

- a. Review and Approval of September 10 Minutes
- b. Financial Report

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

### **II. Administrative**

- a. Board nominations – Alan has been nominated, Andy moved to nominate Terry, Keith seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- b. 2020 Workplan & Budget
  - Resolution 2019-1 – Setting the 2020 Assessment Rate and Budget
  - Resolution 2019-2 – Adopting the 2020 Assessment Roll
  - Andy moved approval of Resolution 2019-1 and 2019-2, Keith seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - November 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will serve as the Board of Equalization hearing.
  - The following Public Announcement was approved:

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE – all Watershed Improvement Districts**

*Residents within the Bertrand, Drayton, Laurel, North Lynden, South Lynden, and Sumas Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to:*

*1) Nominate candidates for election to the Board of the District – one position in Bertrand, two in Drayton, two in Laurel, two in North Lynden, two in South Lynden, and two in Sumas – candidates must file with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, not later than five o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in November.*

*2) Inspect the 2020 Assessment Roll and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in Laurel will be heard at 10am, November 11<sup>th</sup>, for Bertrand at 2pm, November 11<sup>th</sup>, for Sumas at 1pm, November 12<sup>th</sup>, for South Lynden at 3pm, November 12<sup>th</sup>, for North Lynden at 10am, November 19<sup>th</sup>, and for Drayton at 3pm, November 19<sup>th</sup>, all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 14<sup>th</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>.*

*Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.*

Public Notice must be published in Lynden Tribune October 16, 23, 30

### **III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply**

- a. Drainage Based Management (DBM) – initiated as a subset of the Water Supply Plan facilitated by the PUD – Initial meeting indicated strong commitment from County, Tribes, PUD, COB, and WDFW. Three pilot areas were selected with process in place to have water supply plans in place by May, 2020. South Fork, Bertrand, Drayton. Challenge to determine how to represent South Fork ag.
- b. Streamflow Restoration Grant – \$150k available this fall for advancing projects described in the grant application – surface to ground conversions and augmentation. Will fund preparation of a list of potential projects and implementation of a conversion and augmentation project within the next two years.

- c. Shared Waters, Challenges, and Solutions – forum on latest developments in local water negotiations – went well! Greg and Turtle facilitated. 100+ attending.

#### **IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood**

- a. Pangborn ditch project – Brad and Andy reported the project was completed and all were pleased with its results. Brad anticipated the invoices would be between \$5 and \$8k. We will talk with Terry and DID #31 about who pays how much.
- b. Beaver trapping – Brad alerted the board to the need to maintain beaver trapping and dam removal. DID #31 has paid for trapping for years. Travis Stremler is local and a good trapper. Dam removal has been done by the landowners.
- c. DID #15 request - \$20k gap to complete the payment of invoices. Andy moved to provide \$20,600 to Keith Boon via DID #15 for the pump and pipeline project, Brad seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- d. Update on Floodplains by Design discussions and potential projects – Fred noted a county Flood Board meeting is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>. A “Heat Map” is being prepared to better identify sites for potential flood management projects.
- e. Swift Creek – Keith noted the workplan announced for Swift Creek. It looks like landowners concerns are being heard and addressed. The cost of the project will be significant. A Community Meeting will be held at the NVMS October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Ditch mowing – meeting with County September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Keith, Fred, and Henry met with Travis, Gary, and Paula. Discussed both mowing and cleaning. Hopeful. County is interested in partnering with the Sumas WID in a pilot project to see how many items we can cooperate on. Travis discussed this meeting with the DID #15 board a week later. A culvert project under Rock Road is being examined as a potential joint project to improve this drainage.

#### **V. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – Davis noted the challenges of keeping good numbers in fall once the rains come. Some issues on the Sumas River where Garrison Rd. crosses.

#### **VI. Education/Communications**

- a. Website - [www.sumaswid.com](http://www.sumaswid.com)
- b. WFF Farmer Rally – planned for November 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

November 12

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

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