

Sumas Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: September 8, 2020 Meeting, 1pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 891 2776 6445 Passcode: 323766

<u> x </u> Terry Lenssen	<u> t </u> Andy Enfield	<u> x </u> Keith Boon
<u> x </u> Alan Sytsma	<u> t </u> Brad Rader	
<u> </u> David Haggith	<u> x </u> Henry Bierlink	<u> x </u> Fred Likkel
<i>x = present</i>	<i>o = absent with notice</i>	<i>t = teleconference</i>

Brad called the meeting to order at 1:04.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of June 9 Minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
S0920	Ag Water Board	September AWB	\$6,406.97
S0920	Ag Water Board	Pangborn dredging	\$2,951.20
S0920	N3 Consulting	quality monitoring - Jan - July	\$5,324.00
S0920	Enduris	annual insurance	\$2,685.00
S0920			\$0.00
TOTAL VOUCHER			\$17,367.17

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

II. Administrative

- a. Annexations – the board review several areas of potential annexation. Henry was directed to send a map and an annexation petition containing the parcel numbers that might be added. The board will contact the landowners. Signatures on the petition are required to allow these parcels to be added to the WID.

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Ecology report due September 1 – delayed until September 15th
 - Adjudication supported only by Tribes, Fishers, and environmental
 - Plan for Legislative education will be put into place if the Nooksack is the recommended basin.
 - Family Farmers has a campaign to inform the community of the concerns surrounding an adjudication and has generated many letters to the Governor and Ecology expressing our concerns.
- b. County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Seeking support from water users – initial feedback from the Tribes has been positive.
 - We are urging that this not create a “new” process but to energize the current work being done under the Management Board – regional water supply planning and drainage based management.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Pangborn Ditch project – Terry noted the spring plantings had been maintained.
- b. HPA requests
 - a. City of Everson – Terry moved to allow Everson to use our HPA for the project designed by Reichhardt and Ebe, Al seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- b. Páatstel (Squaw) Creek – Brad and the WID helped Dave De Waard get a cleanout permitted.
- c. Ditch maintenance – no current needs.
- d. Flood Committee update – Fred noted that others are starting to realize that the River has been building up with sediments. Some of the earlier flood projections are being revised.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – Fred did not have recent numbers. Some issues on Bone Creek in the spring are being addressed.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated but slowly. Fred reported that Kent could not get the extra labor help he had counted on from Karen Steensma’s students because of the border shutdown. The CD offered to help but not likely until early 2021. Fred is encouraging Kent to get this started this fall.
- c. EQIP – The CD sent a schedule for EQIP requests. It is not clear who can help farmers prepare applications with Chris Clark moving south. He is still helping with ongoing contracts. However, new applications may be more difficult. Frank Corey is willing to help on habitat related projects.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.sumaswid.com

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Brad adjourned the meeting at 1:55.

October 13

November 10

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____