

Sumas Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: February 9, 2021 Meeting, 1 pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 848 3301 7926 Passcode: 187417

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<u> </u> x <u> </u> Alan Sytsma	<u> </u> t <u> </u> Brad Rader	
<u> </u> x <u> </u> David Haggith	<u> </u> x <u> </u> Henry Bierlink	<u> </u> Fred Likkel
<u> </u> Alan Chapman	<u> </u> Joel Ingram	<u> </u> Frank Corey

x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

Brad opened the meeting at 1:05.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of December 8, 2020 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>
S0121	Ag Water Board	January, February AWB	\$16,309.33
S0121	N3	water quality monitoring	\$760.50
	TOTAL VOUCHER		\$17,069.83

It was noted the \$5,000 transfer to DID #15 did not appear in the 2020 financial report. It was authorized but not yet transferred. Will appear in the January or February 2021 report.

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

II. Administrative

- a. Oath of Office – Brad and Andy were sworn into new three-year terms.
- b. Officer election – President and VP/Secretary - Keith moved to keep Brad as President, Andy as AWB representative, and Terry as VP/Sec., Al seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- c. Annexation areas to consider- not addressed at this time
 - Minaker Road
 - North Telegraph
 - Trapline

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Legislative education is continuing – a budget proviso that would approve funding for both pre-adjudication work and the County collaborative process is developing. It currently prohibits Ecology from filing for adjudication until 2023.
 - Response to tribal meeting – A general feeling of progress in the December meeting with tribes but no response as of yet to our followup letter.
- b. County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Watershed Management Board discussing approval of the workplan Feb. 18th
 - Cascadia Policy Solutions - Maia, Jay – engaged by County to guide this

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Ditch maintenance
 - a. CREP program was not fully understood as to who is responsible for the effects of the program on drainage management. We need to keep trying to get the CD to attend a meeting to help address these questions.
 - b. Trapline area – continued flooding problems, Frank indicated progress on the trapping issues but it doesn't appear to making a significant difference.

- b. Beaver trapping – the Sumas WID decision to work with Travis in a more proactive approach to tracking beaver damage and trapping. We need a scope of work from Travis to get this initiated.
- c. Clearbrook culvert – Keith reported a plugged culvert on Clearbrook north of the high School. He will get more details and we will talk with the County.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – indicated a few high counts but much of them are attributed to significant rainfall events. Bone Creek is a priority area.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated and progressing. Exact has been challenged to get all the needed supplies for the project due to COVID.
- c. Monitoring – David noted the board had asked to trim the budget in 2021. He will do a bit less testing especially in the summer but also asked if we wanted to keep funding E Coli tests. Most of these have tracked within 10% of the fecal coliform numbers. Board approved the plan to drop E Coli tests.
- d. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – the numbers have not been encouraging in large part to the timing of the tests (immediately after large rain events). There may be an additional month of fall closure in Portage and some new closures in Drayton.
- e. Report on landowner contacts – David is working with the County inspectors and several landowners with manure applications too close to ditches.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.sumaswid.com
- b. Water quality meeting – It is desirable to communicate with our landowners on their turf, especially about water quality protection. COVID restrictions limit the traditional meeting at Bob’s but the board asked David to try to set something up for the March or April meeting. We’d have our meeting from 11:30 to 12 and invite landowners at 12.

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Brad adjourned the meeting at 1:56. Next meeting is March 9.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____