

Sumas Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: December 13, 2022 Meeting, 1pm

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<input type="checkbox"/> Terry Lenssen	<input type="checkbox"/> Andy Enfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Boon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Sytsma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Rader	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Clarke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Bierlink	<input type="checkbox"/> Fred Likkel
<input type="checkbox"/> Ross Widener	<input type="checkbox"/> Alan Chapman	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Corey

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

Brad called the meeting to order at 1:02.

I. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

a. FEMA update

- Kneuman Ditch – Dropped water level 21”. Sumas:
 - Widener & Associates (Contract Amount \$62,772) Paid to date: \$960.00
 - Northwest Surveying \$19,600.00
 - Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering (work 8/10-11/17/22) \$11,218.99
 - Stremler Gravel \$51,175.62We expect an invoice from Sumas in early 2023 for this work and we intend to use that as the first invoice to FEMA soon thereafter.
- Bone Creek – Stremler has \$3k into this small area just east of the highway. Work west is likely in 2024. Keith noted that some work on Bone downstream (east) would also be needed.
- Saar Creek – contracting is in place, Sumas is processing the invoices and plans to pay these costs and invoice the SWID. We need to establish a clear policy outlining the relationship between the WID and the DIDs. Formalizing the agreements made in the early meetings between the parties is needed. Draft is prepared. Keith moved to approve the draft agreement, Al seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Johnson Creek – issues surrounding past work in the upper reaches of Johnson Creek around Everson were discussed. We need to clear these up before work can proceed. A Mutual Aid agreement between the WID and Everson also needs to be in place. We have sent the agreement to Everson for their feedback/approval.
- Easements – Bill is preparing a template for easements for parcels where work will be done. The Right of Entry template should suffice for brush clearing and survey work on the Sumas River from the border to Morgan Road which we hope to have done by spring.

b. Funding – options – need approx. \$100k for cash flow purposes

- County Treasurer – 6%
- Other WIDs, through AWB - if one or more of the WIDs have reserves that they would make available to the AWB to support the overall purposes of the AWB, documented by a contract that these “excess reserves” are due to the contributing WID but that the AWB could use them for shorter term projects that fulfill the purpose of the AWB, and the AWB followed its loan authority requirements in the AWB Bylaws. Need to check with State Auditor, have AWB Board approve the project.
- Al moved to ask the AWB to help facilitate a bridge loan from other WIDs to the Sumas WID to address the cash flow issues we will have as we wait for the initial FEMA reimbursement payments, Keith seconded, motion carried unanimously. If AWB agrees Bill will check with the State Auditor and we will send a letter of request to WIDs.

- c. Ditch maintenance – Osgood Road, Jay De Jong, and Trapline – Keith talked to the Carlsons who are open to work on their portion of Paastel Creek near Trapline road. They emphasized that they needed to be contacted before anyone came to the property.

II. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.sumaswid.com
- b. Meeting in Sumas – possibly in January or February.

III. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Brad adjourned the meeting at 1:50. Next meeting is January 10th.

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____