

Sumas Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: November 14, 2017 Meeting, 1 - 3 pm

Ag Central 1796 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264

Terry Lenssen Andy Enfield Keith Boon
 Rod Perry Brad Rader

David Haggith Henry Bierlink _____ Fred Likkel
 Javier Sampedro Joel Ingram Frank Corey
x = present o = absent with notice t = teleconference

Board of Equalization Hearing

Public has opportunity to contest Assessments. WID board must determine if petitioners provide clear evidence they would not receive value from WID actions equal to the Assessment amount. WID Board could vote to eliminate or reduce the assessment on individual parcels. Once completed the Regular Board Meeting commences.

Terry opened the meeting as the Board of Equalization. With no objections to the Assessment Roll Keith moved to close, Rod seconded, motion carried unanimously. Terry then opened the regular meeting.

I. Consent Agenda

- A. Review and Approval of October 10 Minutes
- B. Financial Report and payment of bills

| | <u>10/1/2017</u> | <u>Last Month</u> | <u>11/1/2017</u> | <u>ANNUAL TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2017 Assessments Received | | \$26,397.79 | | \$81,424.02 |
| Fund Balance | \$52,121.94 | | \$63,772.73 | |
| Beginning Year Balance | | | \$58,291.57 | |
| Outstanding bills: | | | | \$14,020.00 |
| Ag Water Board | <i>Nov, Dec AWB Admin</i> | | \$12,564.00 | |
| N3 | <i>Water Quality testing</i> | | \$1,456.00 | |
| End of Month Balance | | | | \$49,752.73 |
| | <u>2017 Budget</u> | <u>Expended</u> | <u>Planned</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
| AWB | 75,384 | 75,384.00 | | 0.00 |
| Projects | 13,110 | 10,640.00 | | 2,470.00 |
| Insurance/Adm | 4,191 | 3,938.86 | | 252.14 |
| | 92,685 | 89,962.86 | \$0.00 | 2,722.14 |

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

II. Administrative

- A. Review Comprehensive Plan – The SWID board will examine update the Plan focusing on updating 2018 priorities.
- B. Budget discussion – concern over the lack of adequate project money. The board asked about their contribution to the AWB. If the amount of work to administer a WID is generally the same it is not right to have Sumas paying on an acreage basis. A reduction in AWB contributions would be welcomed by the SWID providing for more project dollars in future years.

III. Water Quality

- A. Monitoring Results – David provided monitoring numbers. Still some areas of concern.
- B. South Lynden source tracking project – slow progress. No report yet. This was contrasted to the recent EPA/Lummi DNA study in Portage Bay. Initial data indicates that 83% of the fecal was non-traceable. No bovine showed up. The inconsistency of not reporting this data was discussed.

IV. Water Supply

- A. Water Supply Work Group report
 - Review and discuss “Next Steps” draft
 - Support from State via \$450k budget request
 - Supported by the Planning Unit
 - Support via Dec. 13th Water Supply symposium

The Board spent a significant time understanding the background and direction of the AWB’s next step proposal. This is being discussed at all the WIDs this month in preparation for the December 20th AWB meeting. There was support for the AWB leading with a proposal to the other water users but details still need to be addressed. The risk of pushing this drainage based implementation plan was weighed against no action and hoping that enforcement would never occur. The Board suggested a wider discussion of farmers lead by the AWB water supply committee in December. Possibly in lieu of December WID meetings.

V. Drainage/Habitat

- A. Ditch maintenance
 - Pangborn Ditch Project – bridge is installed, cleaning anticipated next year.
 - Van Buren culvert – WDFW rates it as fish passable
 - Saar Creek berm – Munger has corrected this
- B. DID meeting reports – Saar – Keith presented the costs incurred by DID #15 in 2017 to clean the sediment trap and spray their ditches. Their costs totaled \$15,267 (\$12,352 for trap cleaning, \$2,838 for spraying). The 2017 project budget has only \$2400 remaining and some costs surrounding the Pangborn Ditch project are anticipated. A decision on what the SWID might do to help DID #15 was tabled.
- C. 5-year programmatic permit – Frank, Joel - discussed the draft stream categorization map. A revised version will be presented at a future meeting.

VI. Education/Communications

- A. Website - www.sumaswid.com
- B. Water Supply Symposium – Dec. 13th
- C. E-Newsletter – Henry encouraged the board to send pictures that they could incorporate into an e-newsletter. He and Fred would continue working on an email database.

VII. Ag Water Board

- A. Winter newsletter will come out in January
- B. Portage Bay Partnership update – no new developments.
- C. An AWB Board meeting is scheduled for December 20th.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting

December 12

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____