

Sumas Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: November 10, 2020 Meeting, 1 pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 850 7244 3588 Passcode: 839049

Terry Lenssen Andy Enfield Keith Boon
 Alan Sytsma Brad Rader

David Haggith Henry Bierlink Fred Likkel
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.

Keith opened the hearing at 1:05, upon hearing from no petitioners Al moved to close the hearing, Andy seconded, motion carried unanimously.

I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of October 13 Minutes
- b. Financial Report

Brad moved to approved the Consent Agenda, Al seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- a. Board nominations – Brad and Andy are elected to a 3 year term. Congratulations and Thanks!

III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
 - Plan for Legislative education is being coordinated by Bill Clarke with the lobbyists and leaders in Olympia. Family Farmers sent an Update to all farmers and held a meeting with the East Indian community to update them on this issue as well.
- b. County Executive proposal
 - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
 - Expect to have the Watershed Management Board approve the workplan December 17th, Initial feedback has been positive.
 - AWB position remains the need to sideline adjudication in lieu of work on the settlement negotiations. Others think they can proceed together.
 - Lummi convening a Tribal/AWB meeting – date is set for December 10th. Logistics are being arranged.

IV. Drainage/Habitat/Flood

- a. Ditch maintenance
 - Trapline Road-Paatstel Creek – work continues, beaver keep coming back
 - Pangborn Creek – work occurred in September, invoices have not yet been submitted but likely are going to be in the \$10k range. Brad would like to see this shared with the DID.
 - Al noted the ditch flowing out of the Vander Veen CREP project needs attention.
 - Keith expects the Saar catch pond to need maintenance in 2021.
 - Brad noted a blueberry farmer on Johnson Creek south of Badger had request drainage help
 - CREP projects were identified as concerns. Who is responsible for the effects on drainage that these projects create?
 - The Board decided to have a regular December board meeting focused on all the needed drainage projects in 2021. We will do the best we can to determine what

needs to be done and get a rough estimate of costs and then determine how to apply the limited project dollars, plus the reserve, to these projects. Suggested invitees to this meeting include; beaver trappers, Frank and Wayne from the WCD.

- b. Beaver trapping – Fred will check with the WCD to determine who are the licensed trappers in this area. Tanner Olson was suggested.

V. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – recent data indicates the numbers reveal a few management mistakes
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated by WCD as they are collecting bird droppings
- c. Manure Ordinance – David reported this ordinance which was put into County law to stop liquid manure applications on bare corn ground is being considered for revisions. Solid manure may be added to the ban.
- d. Landowner contacts – David has been in contact with landowners in the Saar and Bone Creek areas.

VI. Education/Communications

- a. Website – www.sumaswid.com
- b. AWB Facebook page – Fred noted that WFF would be helping to use the website and Facebook page for SWID to communicate with farmers and the public.

VII. Other Items from Commissioners

- a. Shoreline Management Plan update – David was aware of work on this issue but had not received the latest draft. Henry noted that Jon Maberry was on the Planning Commission, which was reviewing this. He would appreciate some help.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

Keith adjourned the meeting at 2:07.

December 8

January 12

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____