

Sumas Watershed Improvement District

Minutes for: October 9, 2018 Meeting, 11:30 - 2 pm

Bob's in Sumas

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Lenssen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andy Enfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Boon
<input type="checkbox"/> Rod Perry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Rader	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Haggith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Bierlink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Visser
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Vander Veen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Horat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale De Vries
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Van Middendorp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allan Sytsma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Van Middendorp

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

I. Consent Agenda

- Review and Approval of September 11 Minutes
- Financial Report and payment of bills – *see financial report*

Keith moved approval of the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills, Andy seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Administrative

- Board term expires for Keith – Keith is willing to be renominated. Andy moved to nominate Keith for another 3 year term, Terry seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- 2019 Workplan & Budget
 - Resolution 2018-1 – Setting the 2019 Assessment Rate and Budget – After reviewing the AWB budget and the SWID budget Keith moved to set the rate at \$5/acres for 2019, Andy seconded, motion carried unanimously. The Board intends to spend down the reserve funds before thinking about raising assessments.
 - Resolution 2018-2 – Adopting the 2019 Assessment Roll – Terry moved to adopt the 2019 Assessment Roll as presented, Andy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - November 13th Board of Equalization will be held at the beginning of the SWID monthly board meeting.

DRAFT PUBLIC NOTICE – all Watershed Improvement Districts

Residents within the Bertrand, Drayton, Laurel, North Lynden, South Lynden, and Sumas Watershed Improvement Districts have an opportunity to:

1) Nominate candidates for election to the Board of the District – two positions in Bertrand, one in Drayton, one in Laurel, two in North Lynden, one in South Lynden, and one in Sumas – candidates must file with the secretary of the district a declaration in writing of their candidacy, or a petition of nomination signed by at least ten qualified electors of the district, not later than five o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in November.

2) Inspect the 2019 Assessment Roll and represent your interests to the District Board which will serve as a Board of Equalization. Equalization issues in the Bertrand will be heard at 2pm, November 12th, for Sumas at 1pm, November 13th, for South Lynden at 3pm, November 13th, for Laurel at 10am, November 12th, for North Lynden at 10am, November 20th, and for Drayton at 3pm, November 20th, all at the District's office. The Assessment Roles for all Districts are available for inspection from October 24th to November 12th.

Nomination forms and the assessment roles are available at the Districts' offices located at 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.

Public Notice must be published in Lynden Tribune October 17, 24, 31

III. Ag Water Board

- AWB/Tribal meetings – Water Supply committee is meeting with Nooksack next Monday. Meeting with Lummi is still pending.
- Watershed Management Board and Planning Unit update
 - List of top mitigation for rural wells projects released – ag projects are at the top of the list.

- Building support for AG priorities with other caucuses – hopefully resulting in letters of support for a grant application due this month.
- c. Ecology grant application – ag projects included:
 - Funds for farmers to transfer surface rights to groundwater
 - Funds for stream augmentation
 - Develops Credit for AG when implementing stream projects through a Water Bank/Exchange
 - Drainage Based Mgt – begin this fall/winter
 - Provides for inventory of ag rights and water needs.
 - Water conservation added.
 - PUD is open to administering the grant – AWB would be a sub-contractor.

IV. Drainage/Habitat

- a. Gas plant project – Keith reported the pipe was going in as we met. The project cost is approximately \$85k.
- b. County ditch mowing – Keith suggested we talk with the County about having the SWID contract for ditch mowing in our district. He will talk with Jeff Gollen at County Public Works further about this.
- c. Pangborn ditch mowing – Brad has Ted Huizinga lined up to mow this section of the ditch this month. We intend to clean it next fall and plant it the following spring. Hopefully using trees from NSEA and school kids to do the planting.
- d. 5 – year permit grant with conditions – the Oregon Spotted Frog was in the Sumas River system. The County will have to do evaluations as to the effect each project may have before permitting.
- e. Johnson Creek – on our 2019 list, may help with some beaver trapping this fall.
- f. Veldman Slough – Alan Systma asked to have this looked at. Alm/Lindsay.

V. Education/Communications

- a. Website - www.sumaswid.com
- b. WID Newsletter – should go out in late October, early November. Needs a report from the WID on 2018 activities. Items mentioned were the Pangborn project, the 5 – Year permits, the gas plant project, and flood management discussion.
- c. WFF – REAL campaign – The newspaper insert was distributed. A Farmer Rally is planned for November 8th.

VI. Water Quality

- a. Monitoring Results – David presented the summer water quality data. He noted that WSDA is very aware of several “hot spots” and is keeping a close eye on the Sumas drainage. Keeping manure applications away from ditches will be in everyone’s interest.
- b. DNA source tracking project report – CD looking for sampling sites, wildlife

VII. Adjournment/Next Meetings

November 13

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by _____