

Tenmile *draft* meeting minutes – Aug 9, 2017

Attendees: Bob M, Alan C, Hank K, Naomi M, Lee F, Andy R

Past meeting minutes were approved with edits from Hank. No additions were proposed to tonight's agenda.

Announcements:

- There will be no August subgroup meeting.
- The Ag Water Board has announced there will be no WID meetings in July or August this summer. Meetings resume in September.
- Whatcom Water Weeks is September 16-23, 2017. Check Whatcom Watershed Information network for details and to register for events, including SeaFeast.
- Mac Kaufman, former Dept of Ecology (ret'd) may be available to speak at a future meeting.

Meeting Notes

As in July, this was already planned as a "business" meeting, so again these notes will take a slightly different form: a few miscellaneous details; then an update to the [Grant Proposal Outline – DRAFT](#) created after the previous meeting, and primary subject for this meeting.

Miscellanea:

We briefly discussed ambient **sample results** from July, which were slightly higher than June but still considered within expected ranges for the season. We expect to have a report in September to review results over the Jun-Aug 3-month period, possibly including improved analysis being piloted by Meg Harris at the WCD.

We again discussed possible programs for future **membership meetings**, with the added name of Mac Kaufman as noted above; and a renewed suggestion to have WFF come talk. Since we may need to again devote time to our grant proposal (and Charter amendments) we are keeping the September meeting open for business, for now.

So far feedback has been positive on the latest **Charter amendments** draft circulated after the July meeting (a "replacement" option with much new language.) But we did not have time to discuss this, and therefore will need to defer to a future meeting.

We took note of the pending ideas for establishing an **annual meeting schedule** that incorporates speakers & programs; business meetings; and seasonal variations in focus & interest. This too will be discussed at a future meeting.

Draft project & grant proposal:

From the beginning, we had a consensus in the group to keep improving this idea with the intent of getting official organization approval at our September meeting.

Results of this discussion are primarily shown in details of the updated draft document, with changes tracked, attached. We discussed most elements of the draft, and made changes to most sections; for cost estimates, we discussed how to obtain those details – and some work already done on that since the meeting are included in the latest draft. And we talked about the possibility of identifying a preferred candidate from within our organization to serve in the proposed paid coordinator position.

We also discussed how to proceed, including the need for members to be responsive throughout this process as information is developed and discussed by email since there is urgency for the application and for coordination with WCD.

Hank and Bob W will be meeting with:

- **The Community Foundation:** to consult on open questions; discuss formatting of our proposal into their required format; confirm timing issues on our submittal; question the possibility of CF serving as fiscal sponsor; etc.
- **The Whatcom Conservation District:** to discuss how we can closely coordinate activities with their [NRCS National Water Quality Initiative](#) project; and test the possibility of WCD serving as fiscal sponsor for our project.

Hank will be facilitating communications on the both internally and with the partner organizations.

Attachment:

DRAFT Grant Proposal Outline (updated)

Next meeting is Wednesday September 13, 2017.