

Tenmile Clean Water Project: Meeting Minutes – Jan 10, 2018

Attendees: Bob McWhorter, Alan Chapman, Hank Kastner, Andy Ross, Krista Rome, Caryl

Note: Comments annotated to the meeting agenda information are shown in red.

No changes were requested for the agenda.

Consent Agenda Approvals: **Accepted as proposed.**

1. Previous Meeting Minutes (see meeting packet)
2. Financial Report:

Announcements

- **WCD Speaker Series:** Proven Westside Pasture Calendar (tool & best practices) speaker from WSU; Thu, Mar 15, Noon, location ~~TBD~~- **Ten Mile Grange, Hannegan Road**
- **WCD Small Farm Expo:** Sat, Feb 24, 10a-2p, in Lynden at the NW Fairgrounds
- **Next Steering Committee meeting;** Feb 21, 5-7pm, Bellewood Acres
- **Kent Oostra's presentation** at our last meeting, 'DNA Demystified', was videotaped and is now available on the WCD YouTube channel, here.
- **Others?** Alan explained that a WRIA-1 Management Board steering committee work plan for the 2005 Watershed Management Plan includes a water monitoring database that could 'integrate all water monitoring data', e.g. potentially including Tenmile data; stay tuned for more information!

Reports

- **Steering Committee – Jan 3 meeting**
 - Status of our preparations for Near Term Action grant applications; **Andy is ensuring that there is a placeholder for TCWP in the WCD application (as 'collaborator'), and hopefully similarly with the County PIC and the Watershed Mgmt Board applications.**
 - Elected not to host a table at Small Farm Expo, for lack of resources
 - Jan 31 Portage Bay Advisory Committee meeting postponed; our presentation will occur when it is rescheduled.
 - Our planning continues in parallel with the draft project plan, with current work and 'the plan' informing each other. This process will become much more vigorous after the WCD March forum (see 'Business' below for details)
- **Water Quality – data report & forward planning.** Since the report is relatively 'clean' and straight forward this month – and we won't have the use of a projector at our meeting this time – both the narrative report and the sample map with results are attached to this agenda. We will discuss both & answer questions. **Some discussion, but no significant addition to the written report.**
- **Laurel WID – Feb 12 meeting report** from those who attended. **With a small group present for our TCWP meeting, we chose to spend significant time discussing the many issues raised at this month's WID meeting....**
 - *WCD project workshop Mar 1: WID participants include Henry B, Fred L, Mike B, David, Heather M*
 - *DoH Marine supplemental water samples: high water = high results! (11/19, 11/29); we had a long, detailed & fruitful conversation about the source & relevance of these results, and impact of salinity – which cannot be fully reflected here!*
 - *ZAPS unit at Canada border is operating & being tested; much interest in results! Similarly, this was part of the longer & detailed discussion; e.g. how to interpret*

border fecal results in the 1000's compared with conditions & results in other areas of the watershed.

- *Scott Ditch DNA study preparing to report; State dollars pending for stage 2; Andy offered a brief summary of the Exact report to the South Lynden WID this week; in short, they are early in analysis, with some puzzling results and much further to go before reporting any conclusions.*
- *Tenmile at Chasteen drainage issue: 3 landowners present at WID mtg to discuss; we talked it over a little; this is a confusing & complex drainage problem which will continue to get attention.*
- *Fourmile DID#3 project: WID still undecided on contribution; Hank suggested that whenever the WID is ready to commit a donation would be a good time for consider to TCWP 'match' of similar amount; stay tuned*
- *WID 'Comp Plan' to include history of work by others, including TCWP; consultant Heather MacKay Brown is coordinating this for the WID; Andy & Hank will provide limited time to support her data gathering, as this hopefully also provides us with a useful TCWP summary we can use in Outreach.*
- *AWB water supply focus turning to WRIA-1 Planning Unit and Management Team/Board; we only briefly discussed the complex landscape now created by the 6091 legislation.*

Business:

- Discuss evolving internal protocols (with two recent examples) for respecting landowner permissions for sample access, and confidentially handling results from such sampling.
Not discussed
- Discuss the March 1 forum sponsored by WCD re: their project:
 - Describe the meeting format, and explain why only two TCWP members are invited to participate. **TCWP will be represented by Hank & Andy – WCD has limited our participation to two members.**
 - Describe the importance of this meeting to our year's agenda
- **What do we mean by outreach?** Consider examples of events, approaches and issues we may face in this years outreach activities. (see attachment) **We discussed this only briefly, mostly as a model for future discussion with a larger group. Two new suggestions worth saving:**
 - Include outreach to schools, teachers & clubs like 4H
 - Consider joint projects with students or landowners; e.g. rainfall recording stations on private or school property