

Tenmile *draft* meeting minutes – July 12, 2017

Attendees: Bob M, Alan C, Hank K, Naomi M, Dorie B

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

Announcements:

- There will be no July subgroup meeting, unless this membership meeting decides otherwise and notifies all members by email.
- 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 events.

Meeting Notes

As this was already planned as a “business” meeting, and we had a small contingent of the subgroup attending, we had useful “strategic” discussions about future plans for Tenmile. Therefore, these notes will take a slightly different form: a few miscellaneous details; then a **summary Draft for a new project within the Tenmile Project**, which would be the focus of our grant proposal this fall; then a **totally new Draft for a revised Tenmile Charter**. These notes also break form by including names of people with pursuant action items. (That form is also revised in the draft Charter.)

Miscellanea:

Given that the WCD will not soon be considering our request to host the web site, **Alan** will inquire with Whatcom Water Information Network (WWIN); stay tuned.

We again discussed possible programs for future membership meetings; **Bob** lobbies hard for Mike Isensee to join us for discussion of bracketing strategies.

There is no update on drainage issues raised by Kratzig, and there has been no follow up by Tenmile; the issue will likely arise again...

We discussed the pending idea of hosting a potluck social, speculating that the Laurel WID is possibly not a partner for this; but the idea is still alive, as we could still find other partners in the Tenmile community. See plans for the WCD/NRCS project, below.

Draft project & grant proposal:

The group came up with an ingenious idea that combines multiple existing interests: more **outreach** to the Tenmile community; **building active membership** organically through activities; participation in the **WCD/NRCS project**; a **grant proposal** to help advance our work; create & use a **standard template** for tracking source identification efforts (e.g. “bracketing” Deer

Creek); a new host for the *Tenmile web site*; a *quarterly program format* for membership meetings; and even includes a *part-time staff person* to address resource constraints.

The result of that brainstorm is captured in the attachment for these notes, in outline form, describing a project that could also be the subject of our grant proposal. This draft should be the **central focus of our next membership meeting**, August 16⁹th.

Hank has since spoken with Pamela Jons, who will be our point of contact at the Community Foundation for any application and offers to help in any way, including a critique our application. She said end of August would be ideal to have our application submitted. She also noted there is another grant available specifically to support work *measuring effectiveness of community projects*, which would fit well for ours and could be combined for our application.

New draft Charter:

We discussed how cumbersome the pending draft has become, by trying to word-edit all the changes we have in mind. **Hank** volunteered to take an attempt at a simplified fresh draft to accomplish the same things we have already talked about; that draft is attached for discussion. **Please comment** on this approach! It will also likely be on next month's agenda.

We also discussed an idea raised previously: to move to a quarterly membership program meeting and use other months for our subgroup "business" meetings (thus eliminating a separate monthly subgroup meeting!) From a reading of the current (and revised) charter it is clear we can do this without a charter change: we simply define the format of the meetings and include that in membership notices. We could even dedicate successive summer meetings to "business" (as we did this year) and skew multiple program meetings into every other winter month – i.e. create a **customized annual meeting schedule** to fit the way we work. This, also, should be on the next month's agenda.

Attachments:

1. **DRAFT** Grant Proposal Outline
2. **DRAFT** Charter, new 2017

Next meeting is Wednesday August 16⁹th, 2017.