

Tenmile Clean Water Project – Minutes, June 13, 2018

Attendees: Bob Mcwhorter, Naomi Murphy, Andy Ross

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

Meeting packet attachments:

1. This Agenda
2. May 9 membership Meeting Minutes.
3. Tenmile Focus Area Sample Report – May 2018 (County)
4. WWIN outreach coordination list of participants.
5. County Septic Survey post card

AGENDA

- Greetings & introductions
- Review & Approve Agenda

Consent Agenda Approvals: A quorum was not present. The consent agenda was not approved.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes (see meeting packet; note: copies not provided for meeting.)
2. Financial Report: **read the notes provided** for activity details this month.

Tenmile Clean Water Project Monthly Finance Report

Settled for:		May	2018			
	Budget (12 mo.)	Expended Latest Mo	Projected Spending	Total Spent or Committed	Grant Fund Balance	Notes
Coordinator	3000/mo.	22,000.00	0.00	29,727.23	3,272.77	1.
Sample Analysis	670/mo.	0.00	0.00	1,540.00	6,460.00	
Outreach (gross)	3,000.00	735.33	483.67	1,016.33	1,983.67	2.
Measurement (gross)	2,400.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	1,900.00	3.
Discretionary (gross)	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	2,985.00	
Grant Admin Overhead	2,600.00			2,600.00	0.00	
TOTALS		23,235.33	483.67	35,398.56	16,601.44	
WECU Balance		=====>			0.00	4.

Notes:

1. Current = \$22,000 to WCD outreach project
2. Current = \$500 to WCD + \$187.33 for website
3. Current = \$500 to WCD outreach project
4. WECU account is closed with \$500 credit back to our NSEA balance

Announcements

- **Next Steering Committee meeting;** There is no meeting planned for June unless warranted by needs flowing from the June 7 WCD work session. **A Steering Committee meeting was not scheduled for June.**
- **WCD Farm Speaker Series** – Sound Horsekeeping: Equine Farm Planning; July 19, 6-8pm, Sunset Farm Park, 7981 Blaine Road
- **Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee** – next meeting is July 25th, and we will have time on the agenda to describe who we are & what we do.
- Others?

Reports

- **Steering Committee** – there was no meeting in May.
- **Water Quality** – data report & forward planning; verbal report, plus the monthly County report, attached & *copies available*. Bob provided a verbal summary of water quality sampling results.
 - Elevated counts were observed at the May 22, 2018 sampling at DC 1 (400 cfu/100 ml).
 - NWIC-T3 remains problematic. Based on the results, it appears the previously identified issue with Silver Springs Creek may be the issue.
 - NWIC-T4 had a relatively elevated count (200 cfu/100 ml).
- **WWIN outreach coordination** – Hank attended this May 22 meeting sponsored by the Whatcom Water Information Network & provides this report:
This was a disciplined ‘speed dating’ update, providing 3 minutes each for more than 20 organizations & agencies to describe current activities & events to engage the public on issues of water quality. (See **attachment** for list of participants.) While little new was heard that directly effects TCWP work, it was a useful reminder of the many players and activities. (See next item for a bit more on septic systems.) **WWIN outreach coordination was not discussed as none of folks present had attended.**
- **Whatcom County septic outreach** – on May 25 Hank met with Kate Kimber with the County Public Works Pollution Identification & Correction (PIC) program, and provides this report:
She described in more detail her current work, which she mentioned at the WWIN meeting. While the County Health Dept manages regulation of On Site Sewage (OSS) – or ‘septic’ – systems, the PIC program is coordinating public outreach. They have just sent out ~22,500 post cards (see **attached**) with info for a brief survey (~20 questions), basically asking what people know about their system and County requirements. That number includes most system owners in the Nooksack watershed with valid county addresses. The idea is to obtain info to improve future Public Works communications encouraging compliance. Survey responses will not identify who or where they are. **Please share this information with other rural residents & participate in the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/WhatcomSeptic** The Whatcom County septic outreach was briefly discussed though results are not yet known. The survey was easy and doable, though one needs to have access to details and records about their system before completing it.
- **Laurel WID** – report from the June 11 meeting from those who attended. **None present attended.**
- **WCD outreach work session** – see *Business*, below, for details & discussion of this June 7 meeting.

Business:

1. **Water samples & results:** discussion of recent observations and plans for summer testing. Additional follow-up will occur in area contributing to Tenmile Creek between the Guide Meridian and Chasteen Road, and Bob will meet with Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District staff on June 20, 2018 to discuss addressing On-Site Septic System outreach in the lower Deer Creek area. In addition, conditions in Fourmile Creek will be monitored as a recent water quality sample had an elevated count, which has not been common in Fourmile Creek recently.
2. **Fourmile drainage project:** we have extended an open invitation to the Drainage & Irrigation District #3 (DID#3 – Fourmile Creek) to have members attend our meeting to make a case for our contribution to the currently on-going ditch cleaning in the area; so far, we have not received a response to schedule that discussion. **No members of the Diking and Drainage District attended the meeting, so the Fourmile Drainage project was not discussed.**

3. **Update:** the **WCD outreach partnership** was established this month according to last month's approved Scope of Work, and our contribution has been transferred to WCD. **Discussion:** consider the outcome of the June 7 WCD work session, and discuss next steps and implications for our future work. The June 7, 2018 WCD outreach partnership meeting was well attended. The focus of the outreach will be with landowners who keep horses on their property, and On-Site Septic Systems.
4. **Update:** Our **website development** continues but **the website is live!** We continue to add content, so members are encouraged to provide feedback based on what you see, including photos. Mary has begun work on written instructions for updating, which will be 'tested' with member volunteers before completion. We now aim to have both content & instructions complete by end of July. <https://tenmilecleanwater.org/>. We did not have a laptop computer to view the website. However, we liked what we had seen previously and are looking forward to the final product—with the recognition that it will be updated over time.