

## Tenmile Clean Water Project – Minutes Sep 12, 2018

Attendees: Bob McWhorter, Hank Kastner, Naomi Murphy, Andy Ross, Aneka Sweeney, Krista Rome, Kristen, Lea Shields, Sam Merrick & Carl.

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

### Meeting packet attachments:

1. This Agenda
2. July 11 membership Meeting Minutes (and financial report.)
3. Aug 8 membership Meeting Minutes (and financial report.)
4. TCWP logo – draft images

### AGENDA

- Greetings & introductions
- Review & Approve Agenda – Hank & Bob requested an addition to the agenda under Business, which was accepted and added below.

Consent Agenda Approvals – for **both July and August**, since there was no quorum for approval at the August meeting. **Minutes and financial report for both months were approved.**

1. Previous Meeting Minutes (see meeting packet; **note:** copies not provided for meeting.)
2. Financial Report: see notes for details of activity this month; **we incurred no added expenses for August**, while outreach planning continued under our WCD agreement.

### Tenmile Clean Water Project Monthly Finance Report

Settled for: August 2018

	Budget (12 mo.)	Expended Latest Mo	Projected Spending	Total Spent or Committed	Grant Fund Balance	Notes
Coordinator	3000/mo.	0.00	0.00	29,727.23	3,272.77	
Sample Analysis	670/mo.	0.00	0.00	1,865.00	6,135.00	
Outreach (gross)	3,000.00	0.00	245.25	1,254.75	1,745.25	1.
Measurement (gross)	2,400.00		0.00	500.00	1,900.00	
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	
<b>TOTALS</b>		0.00	245.25	35,961.98	16,038.02	

#### Notes:

1. Website development

### Announcements

- **Next Steering Committee meeting;** There is no meeting planned for September unless decided otherwise in this meeting. **None was scheduled.**
- **Sustainable Connections Farm Tour**, September 8 & 9. The Farm Tour this year will feature Appel Farms, Bellewood Acres, Matheson Farms and Growing Veterans - all four are Tenmile-area farms! <https://sustainableconnections.org/2018-whatcom-county-farm-tour/>
- **Laurel Watershed Improvement District;** Sep 10; board meetings are starting up again, 10am every second Monday each month, 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.
- **Whatcom Water Week:** Sep 15-22; see details at <https://www.whatcomwaterweeks.org/>
- **County Septic System Homeowner Training:** Sep 20, at WECU Education Center, 5659 Barrett Ave, Ferndale. Registration required by calling (360) 778-6000; for details contact James Hayes, [environmentalhealth@whatcomcounty.us](mailto:environmentalhealth@whatcomcounty.us)

- **Bellingham SeaFeast:** Sep 21 & 22; For event schedule & information see [www.bellinghamsseafeast.com](http://www.bellinghamsseafeast.com) Aneka offered to have our TCWP flyer on the WCD table at SeaFeast & the group thought that was a great idea!
- **WCD Farm Speaker Series** –
  1. Winter Herd Health ('mud management'); Sept 20, 6-8pm, Kulshan Veterinary Center, Ferndale branch. 6220 Portal Way, Ferndale. This is another chance to learn more about best-practices being promoted by the CD. RSVP not required.
  2. Farm Grant Opportunities & Proposal Writing; Oct 18, 6-8pm, Bellewood Acres.
- Others? Aneka added that the **Chum Run** would be on Sep 15, the Saturday immediately following the meeting! (<http://www.whatcomcd.org/node/240>)

### Reports

- **Steering Committee** – there was no meeting in August.
- **Water Quality** – data report & forward planning; verbal report. Bob summarized the summer ad hoc sampling in the lower Deer Creek and Ten Mile Creek areas; portions of these samples were all frozen by the Exact lab, and we expect these may be analyzed by the DNA study to be conducted by WCD. Aneka provided the county's monthly reports for the Nooksack basin and the Tenmile watershed (both distributed with these notes.)
- **Website updates** – we have started collecting book titles in the general category of 'Ten Mile history', on the 'TCWP Org Doc' page, with the intent of expanding these references onto a separate page as material is available; otherwise, just cosmetic changes. <https://tenmilecleanwater.org/>
- **Laurel WID** – verbal report from members who attended the meeting on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. The main things discussed of interest to TCWP are the DNA study mentioned above, and the drainage project mentioned below.

### Business:

1. **Water samples & results:** ~~discussion of recent observations and results.~~ discussion of future planning based on previous results. Bob is tracking rainfall and planning a series of ad hoc samples once it appears the ground is being saturated, resulting in significant increased runoff (and increased creek flows.) Kirsten is interested in helping with water quality sampling and will join Bob for the next ambient sample run on Tue, Sep 18.
2. **Officer elections:** we are way-late voting on Chair & Co-Chair for this year! There were no nominations received in the August meeting. You can send nominations to Hank or Bob before this meeting, or make nominations during the meeting, after which we will vote. *With no others showing interest, Bob & Hank were nominated to continue in the respective positions, and unanimously re-elected.*
3. This proposal was accepted as addition to the agenda when the meeting began. The proposition was unanimously approved after discussion and acceptance of amendments as shown below in bold italics.
 

TCWP will contribute \$3000.00 to the landowner-led project to clear debris & improve drainage, from a section of Ten Mile creek from Ten Mile Rd south, providing all following conditions are met:

  1. The Laurel WID also contributes to the cost, as planned.
  2. The project meets all conditions required by the 5yr county permit held by the Laurel WID for drainage improvement.
  3. Before the end of 2018, the project is completed and TCWP receives an invoice for the work signed by a representative of the landowners and co-signed by a Laurel WID board member (as permit holder.) ***[combined two conditions into one.]***
  4. ***Any public information ('outreach') about the project that involves the project participants or associates (e.g. the Laurel WID) includes mention of the Tenmile Clean Water Project as a supporting partner.***

5. ***This expenditure must also receive final approval at the Oct 10, 2018 TCWP membership meeting due to its late addition to the agenda, as required by the TCWP Charter.***

As proposed for the agenda, discussion of this proposal included :

- a) Explanation of the request for clarification and understanding, including Q&A. Discussion included our recent history on the subject (budgeted in 2017; Blue Star as fund source; the separate Fourmile project that will not be active this fall; drainage priority for farmers; persistent flooding issues in the current work area). Also: the extent of water quality benefit in drainage projects; our continued interest in working with the Laurel WID.
- b) Explanation and consideration of how the TCWP Charter applies regarding proper agenda notice and voting, ending with a consensus conclusion. Pertinent Charter clauses: E. 4.-6.)
- c) Motion to approve based on information under a) and b).

4. **Aneka Sweeney** from the Whatcom Conservation District will join us to discuss our outreach partnership with WCD, which is focused on horse owners and septic system owners. Topic will include plans for outreach activities with horse owners in Tenmile; a recent county workshop to plan more outreach to septic system owners; progress creating a logo for TCWP - and more!

We first discussed the proposed logo images; details below. Aneka presented the report of WCD outreach activities on behalf of TCWP for July & August (which will be distributed with these notes.) Besides the logo work, highlights include plans for the first watershed-wide e-newsletter to be sent in January; stay tuned for more information!

5. **Logo approval:** see the attached draft images as basis for discussion; e.g. text placement, color combinations, proportions can all be adjusted easily. If more significant changes or redesign are needed, that means further time & expense. We propose approval of versions based on these draft images, with minimal revision.

There was great interest in the new logo! We discussed many ideas for improving both images, and Aneka took good notes. While everyone agreed we were close, we also supported seeing what Aneka can do by tweaking the images based on feedback. We will distribute the updated versions with the October agenda materials, for discussion and final approval at the October meeting.