

Tenmile Clean Water Project – Minutes, Oct 10, 2018

Attendees: Bob McWhorter, Hank Kastner, Naomi Murphy, Andy Ross, Alan Chapman, Kirsten McDade, Aneka Sweeney, Gabriella Mednick, Baldev Sidhu, Leroy Plagerman.

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

Meeting packet attachments:

1. This Agenda
2. Sep 12 membership Meeting Minutes (and financial report.)

AGENDA

- Greetings & introductions
- Review & Approve Agenda; **Alan requested an addition to Business, as shown below.**

Consent Agenda Approvals – 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 had one invoice for sample analysis; funds ‘committed’ but not expended for the drainage project; while outreach planning continued under our WCD agreement.

Tenmile Clean Water Project Monthly Finance Report

Settled for: September 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.	175.00	0.00	2,040.00	5,960.00	
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	3,000.00	3,015.00	(15.00)	2.
Grant Admin Overhead	2,600.00			2,600.00	0.00	
TOTALS		175.00	3,245.25	39,136.98	12,863.02	

Notes:

1. 'Committed' = website budget remainder
2. Chasteen Rd drainage - committed

Announcements

- **Next Steering Committee meeting;** There is no meeting planned for October unless decided otherwise in this meeting. **None planned.**
- **Laurel Watershed Improvement District, Oct 8;** board meetings are 10am every second Monday each month, 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.
- **WCD Farm Speaker Series – Farm Grant Opportunities & Proposal Writing;** Oct 18, 6-8pm, Bellewood Acres. See details at here: <http://www.whatcomcd.org/node/255>

Others?

Reports

- **Steering Committee –** there was no meeting in September.
- **Water Quality –** verbal data report. **Latest results were all low, with the exception of TM15 at Northwest, which is consistent with other high results at the same site lately; we are seeking contacts with local landowners to help figure out this one.**

- **Website updates** – we have started collecting various references in the general category of ‘Ten Mile history’, on the ‘*TCWP Org Documents*’ page, with the intent of expanding these references onto a separate page as material is available; otherwise, just blog posts & cosmetic changes. <https://tenmilecleanwater.org/> **Observant visitors may also notice an addition to our home page and a slight restructuring of the menus.**
- **Laurel WID** – verbal report from members who attended the most recent meeting. **The county shellfish advisory committees for Portage Bay & Drayton Harbor will meet jointly Oct. 24 and will be discussing a data report in support of lifting the Portage Bay conditional closure for the 2019 spring season.**

Business:

1. **Water samples & results:** discussion of future planning based on previous results. **Nothing to add, other than our Source ID sampling will continue as needed.**
2. **Laurel WID drainage expense approval:** First, we will have a report on this work, which has been completed since discussion at our last meeting. Then, as required by our Charter, we will consider final approval of the expenditure approved at that meeting, with explicit conditions as follows:

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.)
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.

This work was completed by a contractor in short order after our last meeting, before the ‘fish window’ for watershed work closed at the end of Sept. Bob made a couple site visits during the work and agreed with others that it had significantly less impact on the site (e.g. turbidity & excess plant removal) than the work last year on Four Mile creek. Hank & Bob attended the Oct 8 Laurel WID meeting, which included two nearby landowners and Frank Corey from WCD, who also monitored the work and with confirmed all permit requirements were met. In our meeting, Baldev (WID member) & Leroy (WID board member) concurred, and expressed appreciation on behalf of both the WID and the other landowners effected by the continued local flooding at this site. We also had a lively discussion about the complexity of trying to address localized stream obstruction (including beaver dams!) when the issues are typically much broader and systemic. The discussion ended with final approval of the TCWP contribution of \$3000 towards this work, an amount originally budgeted in our grant request for such projects.

3. **Logo approval:** Staff from the Whatcom Conservation District will join us to discuss updates to the logo images based on feedback at last month’s meeting. Discussion is intended to provide final versions for approval at this meeting. **No change was made to the large ‘round’ logo; we considered variations of the ‘banner’ version, but adopted the one reviewed last month with only one minor revision. The final versions are already shown on our website home page; take a look!**
4. Alan led a spirited, general-information discussion about the WRIA-1 Planning unit process to implement SB 6091 (the ‘Hirst fix’), including the role of caucuses for citizen involvement.