

Tenmile Clean Water Project – Minutes, Mar 13, 2019

Attendees: Bob McWhorter, Naomi Murphy, Andy Ross, Alan Chapman, Aneka Sweeney, Caryl Dunavan, Krista Rome, Kirsten McDade

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

Meeting packet attachments:

1. This Agenda
2. Jan 9 membership Meeting Minutes (and financial report.)

AGENDA

- Greetings & introductions
- Review & Approve Agenda – no changes.

Consent Agenda Approvals This includes matters from both Jan & Feb, since there was no official meeting in February. **Approved.**

1. January Meeting Minutes; there was no official meeting in February. (see meeting packet; **note**: copies not provided at the meeting.)
2. Financial Report: see notes for details. The last report showed no expenses for the month of January, but introduced the concept for this format, new this month.

Tenmile Clean Water Project Monthly Finance Report

Settled for: February 2019							Notes:
							1.
WCD Support Agreements		Initial Funding	Month's Spending	Projected Spending	Spent + Committed	Remaining Funds	
Outreach	Total:	23,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	8,430.69	14,569.31	2.
	Staff						
	Materials			2,000.00			3.
	Mailing						
Sample Analysis	Total:	12,044.77	50.00	0.00	50.00	11,994.77	
	Sampling		50.00	0.00			
	Other						
	TOTALS:	35,044.77	50.00	2,000.00	8,480.69	26,564.08	

Notes:

1. New report format this month; see January report for 2018 year-end.
2. **Sub-categories may change after WCD consultation.**
3. Projected expense for newsletter is very tentative!

Announcements

- **Next Steering Committee meeting**; we have a meeting **planned for the evening of March 26th**; contact Bob or Hank if you are interested in attending, or more information.
- **Laurel Watershed Improvement District** – March 11th. Their meetings are 10am every second Monday each month, 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.
- **NSEA Earth Day work party** – April 20th at 9am, to plant the area around Tenmile Creek at East Hemmi road, site of planned County work to replace the road culvert there. We will promote the event on our website and in the first issue of our newsletter. Join us for this opportunity to build neighborhood involvement in the watershed.

- **Septic System Training Workshops** – required for property owners who want to inspect your own on-site sewage system. Three dates this spring, all 6-8pm at the Ferndale WECU, I-5 at Main: ~~Feb 7th~~; ~~Mar 6th~~; Apr 24th.
See this link for details: <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/1745/Homeowner-Training-OM>
- **Customer Appreciation Day:** May 11th, all day, at Laurel Farm & Western Supply, 325 West Laurel Road. **TCWP will have an information table**; contact Bob or Hank if you can help us staff the table!
- Others: **WCD plant sale was held March 22-23; and WCD election day was March 26.**

Reports

- **Steering Committee** – there was no meeting in February, but we did have a small-group discussion to plan for the newsletter; that discussion is rolled into the newsletter update below.
- **Water Quality** – verbal data report will include February sample results. **Brief report: cold period results were nearly all in single digits (the results – fortunately not the weather!)**
- **Website updates** – <https://tenmilecleanwater.org/> Five blog posts so far this year.
- **Laurel WID meetings** – we will have a report from the Mar 11th meeting, just occurring. **Highlights from this meeting were posted to our website blog page on March 14th, after the membership meeting.**
- **WCD Small Farm Expo** – report from the TCWP information table we had there March 9th. **The group discussed more outreach ideas, including TCWP magnets and a revised watershed map to help residents identify their locations.**

Program: The Lynden HS FFA chapter will join us again this year to present their entry for the state FFA Issues competition. The topic this year is “**Will Traditional Farming Survive?**” – which should be of particular interest in our area. Join us to hear how they frame the question and pose their answers – visitors are welcome. These students always appreciate questions and critique afterwards so come prepared for a stimulating conversation! **The group enjoyed this good presentation, done in the format of a talk-show, and the discussion afterwards. Later comments from the teacher-advisor noted our suggestions were appreciated. The students were ‘substitutes’ due to many evening extracurricular activities among students, but this lineup did a fine job!**

Business:

1. **Water samples & results:** discussion of future planning based on previous results. **Not discussed.**
2. **2019 planning:**
 - Newsletter update – expected release date late-March or early-April. Gabriella will preview the latest draft for comments. This work will continue largely outside these meetings due to timeline; contact Hank if you want to help! **Some discussion of distribution numbers, how to use copies for outreach after the mailing (e.g. display at businesses), and still fine-tuning the content & format.**
 - TCWP display board – first outing at the Small Farm Expo on March 9th; this is a work in progress, so let us know suggestions for content or improvement!
 - Laurel Farm & Supply – we are planning on having a TCWP display table for May 11th.
 - TCWP business cards – now available; get them out there! **We are still working on the idea of extending this design to frig-magnets; stay tuned!**
 - Vehicle magnet signs – we will have 3, for use during sampling & events. **These have been delivered and are being used; be the first to spot one on the road!**
3. **Discuss appreciation** for members’ personal expenses in the course of volunteer activities. **Deferred to next meeting.**