

## Tenmile Clean Water Project – Minutes, Nov 14, 2018

Attendees: Bob McWhorter, Hank Kastner, Naomi Murphy, Krista Rome, Andy Ross, Alan Chapman, Kirsten McDade, Gabriella Mednick, Marge Laidlaw, Roger Murphy, Caryl Dunavan, Peggy Gardner, Sandra Matheson.

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

### Meeting packet attachments:

1. This Agenda
2. Oct 10 membership Meeting Minutes (and financial report.)

### AGENDA

- Greetings & introductions
- Review & Approve Agenda

### Consent Agenda Approvals – approved.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes (see meeting packet; **note:** copies not provided for meeting.)
2. Financial Report: see notes for details – but it may take some explaining this month, so we will allow time for discussion.

### Tenmile Clean Water Project Monthly Finance Report

Settled for:	October	2018			[retitled]	
	Budget (12 mo.)	Expended Latest Mo	Projected Spending	Total Spent or Committed	Grant Fund Assets	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	211.19	1,500.00	1,500.00	1.
Measurement (gross)	2,400.00		0.00	500.00	1,900.00	
Discretionary (gross)	3,304.00	3,000.00		3,015.00	289.00	2.
Grant Admin Overhead	2,600.00			2,615.20	(15.20)	3.
WCD Service Agreement		2,975.18			16,539.31	4.
TOTALS		6,150.18	211.19	39,397.43	29,445.88	

#### Notes:

1. Shaded figures indicate clerical correction; 'Committed' = website budget remainder
2. Shaded figures indicate higher opening balance; 'Expended' = Chasteen Rd drainage
3. Overhead spent reflects higher opening balance.
4. Credit shown is fund balance for services yet to be delivered.

### Announcements

- **Next Steering Committee meeting;** There is no meeting planned for November unless decided otherwise in this meeting.
- **Laurel Watershed Improvement District, Nov 12;** board meetings are 10am every second Monday each month, 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.
- **WCD Farm Speaker Series** – Goat Farmer's workshop; Nov 15, 6-8pm, Rome Community Bible Church. See details at here: <http://www.whatcomcd.org/node/256>
- **WCD Small Farm Expo – March 9, 2019; NW Washington Fairgrounds**

- Alan noted that the WCD Board of Supervisors is preparing for election for one position on the board; he also provided an update on the WRIA 1 Planning Unit and efforts to mitigate for new private wells.
- Others?

### Reports

- **Steering Committee** – there was no meeting in ~~September~~October.
- **Water Quality** – verbal data report; we collected quite a few special samples this month with all the rain, so this will include a summary of what we learned. We discussed results from recent storm water events, which included some high numbers, which are in turn consistent with higher results from other county areas. Unfortunately this matches general autumn trends when rains begin, which motivated this year's Fall Strategy created by partners in the Whatcom County Clean Water Program. The lab results chart presented at the meeting has now been updated to include data from the latest samples on Nov 14, after more rain. **View that data chart on our website in a blog post from Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** (and while you are there, make sure you have registered for email notices of new posts!)
- **Website updates** – there have been eight blog posts since last meeting!! – including an update on the DNA study; recent County septic-awareness outreach; this quarter's joint meeting of Portage Bay & Drayton Harbor advisory committees; fun stories & cool photos. *Don't miss what's next!* – sign up for new post notices at <https://tenmilecleanwater.org/> Interest was expressed in a summary of activity on our website; Hank will look into it.
- **Laurel WID** – verbal report from members who attended the most recent meeting. Overlooked at our meeting but relevant for members: the WID this month voted to draft a letter to the City of Ferndale requesting discussion & consideration of expanding city sewer service into the dense residential areas still on septic systems, in the lower Deer Creek watershed. Bob & Hank told the WID we would like to propose that TCWP consider co-signing, once the draft is prepared.

### Business:

1. **Water samples & results:** discussion of future planning based on previous results. Nothing to add to notes above.
2. **2019 Organization Preview:** brief outlook on possible changes for fiscal sponsorship of our remaining funds. There is no set proposal yet but one may be available for review at our December meeting. At our next meeting we will discuss a proposal to expand our WCD partnership to include assistance with our Source ID sample program; and broader long term strategy questions for our organization. **Please come and help us plan for the future!**

### Speaker: ***Grazing for Resilience: Saving Salmon & Family Farms***

We are pleased to have Dr. Sandra Matheson join us to talk about her family's local beef operation, Matheson Farms.

Many thanks to Sandra for sharing her stories, as she kept the group fully engaged for more than half the meeting. From comments heard afterwards and the interest on audience faces, it seems her thoughts were very appreciated.

Sandra is a life-long farmer, educator, filmmaker, author, speaker, active grandmother and retired veterinarian. She is also an Accredited Consultant/Field Professional in Holistic Management and a certified consensus facilitator. She serves as the president of Roots of Resilience and Managing Change Northwest; has co-authored the book *The Art and Science of Success*; and is a co-founder and past president of the North Cascade Meat Producer's Cooperative.