

Tenmile Clean Water Project - Minutes, Nov 13, 2019
Tenmilecleanwater.org

Attendees: Hank Kastner, Bob McWhorter, Naomi Murphy, Andy Ross, Kirsten McDade, Alan Chapman, Aneka Sweeney, Shirley & Jim Wilkinson, Catherine Carey.

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

Meeting packet attachments: notations here are corrections of the published version.

1. This Agenda
2. ~~May 8~~Sept 11 membership Meeting Minutes (and financial report.)
3. Tenmile water quality summary for October

AGENDA Summary

Deletion shown here is a correction of the published version.

- Greetings & introductions – including new members Shirley & Jim Wilkinson
- Review & Approve Agenda – Aneka presented first, business followed.
- Consent Agenda Approvals
- Announcements
- Reports: Water Quality & Steering Committee
- Program: Aneka Sweeney: Streamside Buffers: How trees help our watershed Kirsten McDade :-Water Reporter process & app

Consent Agenda Approvals - approved

1. ~~May~~Sept Meeting Minutes; see meeting packet; **note:** copies not provided at the meeting.
2. Financial Report; will be presented at the meeting – now **inserted here:-**

Tenmile Clean Water Project Monthly Finance Report

Settled for: Sep - Oct 2019

Notes:

| WCD Support Agreements | | Initial Funding | Period Spending | Projected Spending | TOTAL Spent + Projected | Remaining Funds |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Outreach | Total: | 23,000.00 | 7,477.18 | 0.00 | 16,947.62 | 6,052.38 |
| | Staff | | 4,907.26 | | | |
| | Supplies, miles, mail | | 2,569.92 | | | |
| Sample Analysis | Sampling | 12,044.77 | 60.00 | 0.00 | 110.00 | 11,934.77 |
| | TOTALS: | 35,044.77 | 7,537.18 | 0.00 | 17,057.62 | 17,987.15 |

Notes:

1. Staff hours & expenses for Mar-Sep 2019
2. Cost for newsletter & mailing, magnets, table, Earth Day, etc

Announcements – as noted.

- **Next Steering Committee meeting**; meetings are every month, on the third Wednesday; for details see website: **What We Do – Events**. Let us know if you are interested in more!
- **Laurel Watershed Improvement District** – Generally, their meetings are 10am every second Monday each month, 204 Hawley Street, Lynden.
- **Other recent announcements** can be found on our **website blog page**, including recently: the Oct 26 planting event on the creek (photos!); challenged water quality after fall rains; Water Week events; septic system tips; and a preview of future guest speakers at our meetings.
- Others? – The Drayton Harbor area open for commercial shellfish harvest has been significantly expanded by 765 acres, effective Oct 22. While this is outside the marine area of our watershed, it represents another milestone for our county in making progress on improved water quality. Watch for a future blog on our website with more information.

Reports

- **Water Quality** – Latest sample results. Copies of our latest Tenmile summary were discussed & available at the meeting, and this is posted on our website.
 - Two blog posts in October addressed disappointing autumn results; look them up!
- **Laurel WID** – no pertinent details mentioned, but Hank briefly highlighted excerpts from the WID newsletter crediting TCWP collaboration efforts with the Laurel WID.
- **Steering Committee** – summary from meetings & activities in Sep & Oct: **not discussed**.
 - Reviewed water quality, finances and the 9/11 members meeting notes.
 - Planned Member meeting programs through March 2020. May still pending.
 - Met on 10/2 with County staff to discuss our sample program & fall strategy.
 - Planned for the Oct 26 work party on Tenmile Creek with partners WCD & NSEA.
 - Drafted a 'disclosure notice' handout about our sample collection program, to aid with landowner discussions in the field.
 - Purchased a canopy cover & table cover to complete our outreach display outfit.
 - Mailed post cards to Tenmile residents in early October with a list of fall events.
 - Presented our '*Who we are – What we do*' story to a joint meeting of the Shellfish Advisory Committees on Oct 30.
 - Planning for future outreach blogs, events & activities.

Program: Aneka Sweeney: **Streamside Buffers: How trees help our watershed**

Aneka presented & answered questions for about 45 minutes, including...

- Types of Ag buffers (seven – who knew?!) – focusing on hedgerows & forest
- Tenmile watershed trivia: 35 square mile area; >65 stream-miles; ~54% Ag use & 20% forest; 40-44 inches annual rainfall.
- CREP program basics – not just plants! – including culverts, wetland restoration, livestock fencing & watering.
- Tenmile CREP trivia: 65 projects; >27 stream-miles; 378 acres of streamside buffered; >190,000 plants added!