

**Methow Watershed Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 20, 2012**

Council Members present: Greg Knott, Chairman, Brian Fisher, Mike Fort, Vicky Welch, Hans Smith (Alternate/Twisp Mayor Appointee), Josh Morgan (MVID), and Jackie Moriarty, Secretary.

Guest: Lisa Pelly, Washington Director/Trout Unlimited.

Chairman Knott called the meeting to order at 5:14 pm.

**Agenda Additions and Deletions**

Additions: Proposed logos for the MWC  
Council Terms

Changes: None

**Motion:**

Council Member Fort moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch and passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Smith requested an action item be added to the November 15, 2012 minutes stating that Chairman Knott volunteered to develop and present draft language for a Conflict of Interest Policy at the next meeting.

**Motion:**

Council Member Fort moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2012 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Grants**

A Phase IV Grant report was provided by the Town Grant Administrator for the Council's review. Chairman Knott made a comment about his concern of whether Coordinator Hatcher's budget was going to last until the completion of the grant June 30, 2013.

**Coordinator's Report**

Chairman Knott went over Coordinator Hatcher's written report:

- He reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer slips.
- Timeline – December 2012-April 2013.

### **Three Initiating Governments Reports**

#### **Town of Twisp**

Council Member Smith reported the Town of Twisp is still working on water acquisition.

#### **Methow Valley Irrigation District**

There was nothing to report at this time.

#### **Okanogan County**

No representative was present.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

#### **Political Action Committee**

Chairman Knott reported in Council Member Tackman's absence that the Political Action Committee is still working with the Organizational Development Committee looking for support from the Okanogan County Commissioners, other WRIA's and environmental groups.

#### **Organizational Development Committee**

Chairman Knott reported in Council Member Ewing's absence that the proposed legislation may not be able to be submitted in time for this legislative session.

Chairman Knott directed Council Member Fort to work with Council Member Tackman on contacting the County Commissioners requesting a letter of support for the legislation. Knott shared that there has been only a verbal non-committal conversation with staff at Senator Parlette's office related to our request for support.

Chairman Knott reported that Council Member Ewing had made approximately 30 contacts; all very positive. Knott stressed the importance of contacting the environmental groups to have them on our side.

Chairman Knott suggested that "Plan B" for the MWC may be to become a non-profit organization to make them eligible for all types of grant funding.

#### **Instream Flow Rule Revision Committee**

Council Member Smith reported that the Instream Flow Rule Revision Committee is making internal progress and gaining traction with the Department of Ecology; Smith feels now is a great time to push the rule revision with the DOE.

### **Washington Water Project Trout Unlimited (WWPTU) – Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)**

#### **Motion:**

Council Member Fisher moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Methow Watershed Council and the Washington Water Project Trout Unlimited for the Water Storage Capital Grant as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch and passed. Chairman Knott abstained from voting.

Chairman Knott turned the floor over to Council Member Fisher (Technical Review Committee Chairman) for discussion related to the MOA between the MWC and WWPTU.

Council Member Fisher presented a revised copy of the MOA to the Council. Fisher reported that he and Lisa Pelly, WWPTU had negotiated the MOA, it was then reviewed by the Technical Review Committee and the DOE.

Ms. Pelly stated that her understanding of the working relationship between WWPTU and the MWC would be that the MWC would be in charge of the Water Storage Project while WWPTU would be in charge of water rights.

The Council briefly discussed Chairman Knott's company (Van Hees, LLC), and their involvement with WWPTU.

Council Member Fisher stated that WWPTU would need a contract with the proposed Project Manager, Lee Hatcher/Optimal Niche outlining all of his duties; the Technical Review Committee will work to develop a scope of work for the Project Manager.

**Motion:**

Council Member Fort moved to approve Chairman Knott to sign the MOA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

**Action:** Secretary Moriarty will obtain a clean copy of the MOA from Council Member Fisher and then follow through with getting the document executed by both parties.

**Political Strategy for Organizational Development**

No representative to give a report.

**Conflict of Interest Policy**

**Motion:**

Council Member Welch moved to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

The Council deducted that the members of the Three Initiating Governments would be in charge of any disciplinary action needed due to a conflict of interest by any Council Member.

**Action:** Secretary Moriarty will make changes to the policy as directed and have copies for the Council Members along with signature pages that affirm each Council Member has received a copy and understands the policy at the January 2013 meeting.

**Funding Strategy**

Long-term funding:

- Obtain non-profit status
- Identify funds in which the MWC would be eligible
- Identify partnerships

The Council agreed to have Coordinator Hatcher continue to search for funding sources and to work towards the MWC obtaining a 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

**MWC Logos**

Chairman Knott presented several logo options for MWC. Chairman Knott gathered comments and will pass them on to the artist.

**Council Terms**

Secretary Moriarty discussed the upcoming Council terms that are ending. Council Member Fisher and Tackman's terms are up in January 2013.

**Action:** Secretary Moriarty will contact and gather letters from the incumbents regarding whether they would like to continue as Council Members.

**Next Meeting (January 17, 2013) - Agenda Items**

January agenda items:

- Water Storage Project – Project Manager – Scope of Work
- Funding Strategy
- MWC Logo
- Elections – Council Members, Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

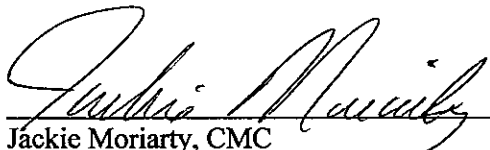
**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council Chairman Knott adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

**APPROVED:**

  
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 Greg Knott, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Jackie Moriarty, CMC  
 Secretary