

**Methow Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2013**

Council Members present: Greg Knott, Chairman, Brian Fisher (via phone), Dick Ewing, Bill Tackman, Hans Smith (Alternate/Twisp Mayor Appointee), and Jackie Moriarty, Secretary.

Guest: Victor Stokes

Chairman Knott called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Additions:

Changes: Delete Elections

Motion:

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tackman and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Victor Stokes introduced himself and stated he was interested in what the MWC is doing particularly in the Beaver Creek area and regarding agriculture.

Grants

A Phase IV Grant report was provided by the Town Grant Administrator for the Council's review. Secretary Moriarty was asked to have Ms. Grant include the grant date on her report.

Action: Secretary Moriarty will have Ms. Grant add to the Phase IV Grant the dates of 07/01/12 – 06/30/13.

Coordinator's Report

Chairman Knott went over Coordinator Hatcher's written report:

- He reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer slips.
- The Scope of Work (SOW) for the Water Storage Capital Project – Project Manager is currently being developed.
- He briefly discussed the division of duties for the Water Storage Capital Project between the MWC and Trout Unlimited.

Three Initiating Governments Reports

Town of Twisp

Council Member Smith updated the MWC on a project the Town is working on with the Office of Columbia River and MVID.

Methow Valley Irrigation District

No representative was present.

Okanogan County

No representative was present.

Sub-Committee Reports

Technical Review Committee

Council Member Fisher reported that he is working with Coordinator Hatcher on the SOW for the Project Manager position for the Water Storage Capital Project. The only work Fisher is aware of being done so far is Trout Unlimited is working on water rights.

Instream Flow Rule Revision Committee (IFRR)

Council Member Smith reported on the progress the IFRR Committee is making using a spreadsheet they developed as a tool to define the mathematics of the 2 cfs per reach and to determine what is left in each reach, identify the current uses and determine how each change can affect other areas.

Organizational Development Committee

Council Member Ewing outlined a timeline for getting legislature prepared related to the Organizational Development of the MWC:

An Organizational Development Committee Meeting – Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

The Organizational Development Committee presents the concept to the Okanogan County Commissioners at their meeting – Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 10:00 am.

The Organizational Development Committee and Derek Sandison, DOE go to address the Okanogan County Commissioners again at their meeting - Monday, January 28, 2013.

The Organizational Development Committee Meeting – Monday, January 28, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

Email a final draft to MWC for review and comment – The deadline for Council Member comments is Friday, February 1, 2013.

The final is forwarded to Linda Parlette's office for review.

Council Member Tackman will contact Linda Parlette's office regarding the language revision.

Council Member Ewing shared that Mr. Sandison suggested that the MWC may want to make the legislation specific to the Methow rather than previously suggested that the MWC make a template other WRIs can use. Council Member Ewing stated the language may need to be revised just a bit to make sure all the pieces are specific to the Methow.

Council Member Ewing briefly discussed a document he is trying to obtain from the Washington Association of Counties related to water banking.

Council Member Smith stressed the importance of public outreach.

Funding Strategy

Chairman Knott reported that he has Coordinator Hatcher searching for funding. Council Member Smith asked Chairman Knott if there could be any negative ramifications on the three initiating governments or on the Town as the lead agency if the MWC became a non-profit.

Next Meeting (February 21, 2013) - Agenda Items

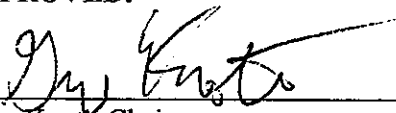
February agenda items:

- Annual Report
- Political Strategy for Organizational Development
- Water Storage Project – Project Manager SOW
- Elections – Council Members, Chairman and Vice-Chairman
- Funding Strategy

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council Chairman Knott adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

APPROVED:



Greg Knott, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jackie Moriarty, CMC
Secretary