

**Methow Watershed Council
Special Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2008
Twisp Town Hall**

Council Members present were: Chairman Katharine Bill, Greg Knott, Vicky Welch, Marty Williams, Tom Gehring, Council Member Town of Twisp, Tim Johnson, MVID and Secretary Jackie Moriarty.

Council Members Absent: Mike Fort, Ray Campbell and Nate Wehmeyer, Okanogan County.

Guests present: Lee Hatcher

Chairman Bill called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

UPDATE REGARDING COUNCIL COORDINATOR INTERVIEWS – AGENDA ITEM #130

Lee Hatcher, applicant for the Council Coordinator position was present to meet members of the Council, answer questions and ask questions. Mr. Hatcher began by sharing his past experience and the reasons why he feels qualified for this position. Council Member Knott and Williams provided Mr. Hatcher a brief history starting with the Watershed Planning Unit, the change from the planning unit to the current Watershed Council and what the Council has accomplished since its development.

The question was asked of whether the Council has insurance and would that insurance carry over and also cover the Council Coordinator. Secretary Moriarty was asked to check on this issue and report back at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Hatcher inquired as to whether this would eventually become a full time position. The Council discussed the possibility of leveraging DOE grant funds as well as the future coordinator researching other possible grant opportunities that would ultimately fund the position.

The Council discussed an outreach and education program in order to keep the public informed of the Council's work. Mr. Hatcher replied that public relations, particularly working with diverse groups to find common ground is within his area of expertise.

Chairman Bill thanked Mr. Hatcher for coming and stated she would be in contact with him with in a week.

MOTION:

Council Member Knott moved to offer the position of Watershed Council Coordinator to Lee Hatcher. The motion was seconded by Council Member Williams and passed unanimously.

Chairman Bill volunteered to prepare a draft proposal for the position of Council Coordinator. Council had a brief discussion regarding consultant rates. The Council agreed on a rate to begin negotiations.

MOTION:

Council Member Knott moved to authorize Chairman Bill to enter into negotiations on behalf of the Methow Watershed Council for contract terms and conditions with Lee Hatcher regarding the Council Coordinator position. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

UPDATE REGARDING CONSULTANT INTERVIEWS – AGENDA ITEM #140

The Council discussed the recent consultant interviews with RH2 Engineering, Aspect Consulting, Skillings Connolly Consulting and Water Quality Engineering.

Chairman Bill shared that two determinations were made by the interview committee regarding the tasks outlined in the Request for Proposals: 1) Task 1 & Task 2 would need to be preformed by the same consultant for continuity; and 2) Task 4 – Winter Fish Study needed to be removed, based on the fact that the Council is not versed on this issue and that there may be another agency willing to perform and fund this study.

Chairman Bill explained that the interview board was impressed with Tim Flynn’s experience with the DOE, the fact that he understood the concept of the 2 cfs transfer and that he was currently working on many of the same issues in another part of Washington.

MOTION:

Council Member Johnson moved to offer the Consultant position for Tasks 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the Phase 4 process to Aspect Consultants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knott and passed unanimously.

Katharine Bill, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jackie Moriarty, CMC, Secretary