

**Methow Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2010**

Council Members present were:, Greg Knott, Chair, Vicky Welch, Vice-Chair, Marty Williams, Bill Tackman, Don Phillips (Alternate: MVID), Char Schumacher, (Okanogan County) Tom Gehring (Twisp Council Member), Coordinator Lee Hatcher, and Secretary Jackie Moriarty.

Council Members Absent: Mike Fort.

Guests: Brian Fisher

Chairman Knott called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

Secretary Moriarty passed out volunteer timesheets to Council Members.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Additions: None
Changes: None

Approval of the Agenda

Motion:

Council Member Schumacher moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tackman and passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes from the July 15, 2010 Meeting

Motion:

Council Member Schumacher moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2010 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Phillips and passed unanimously.

Website

Chairman Knott thanked Secretary Moriarty for keeping the MWC website updated. Moriarty asked if there was anything else that needed to be posted to let her know.

Council Member Position #6

Chairman Knott discussed the need to replace Jennifer Molesworth (Position #6 – At Large). Ms. Molesworth was required by her employer to resign due to conflict of interest. Chairman Knott announced that Brian Fisher had submitted a letter of interest.

Motion:

Council Member Welch moved to recommend Brian Fisher for Position #6 to the three representatives of the Initiating Governments. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tackman and passed unanimously.

Motion:

Council Member Phillips (MVID) moved to approve the Council's recommendation to appoint Brian Fisher to Position #6 of the Methow Watershed Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Schumacher (Okanogan County) and passed unanimously. – Tom Gehring (Town of Twisp) also voted.

Coordinator Hatcher's Update

Coordinator Hatcher reported on the following:

Timeline

- Hatcher will revise the timeline after the State Budget Revision is settled.
- The Climate Change workshop was well attended.

Department of Ecology Grant Funding FY11

Coordinator Hatcher went over the MWC budget (attached) for fiscal year 2011 (FY11). The Council discussed:

- Setting a meeting with the Town of Twisp to discuss FY11 budget.
- Working on Organizational Development and Management; the Watershed Council becoming it's own governmental entity.
- Instream Flow Rule Revision Tasks 1 - \$71,523 and Task 2 \$36,412; requested Council approval by motion for Aspect Consulting to continue their work.
- Instream Flow Rule Revision Task 3 - \$7,700 – Council Members Don Phillips and Brian Fisher volunteered to gather existing data to give to Aspect Consulting in an effort to minimize costs. The on staff hydrologist must be the one to review the information once compiled because the report requires an official seal.

Coordinator Hatcher discussed both a short-term and long-term plan for future funding. For the short-term Hatcher suggested all of the Council Members contacting Linda Evans-Parlette and our other state representatives to let them know how important watershed planning is in the valley.

Hatcher discussed a long-term solution which is currently happening in Walla Walla where the watershed has negotiated funding through their legislature that are actual line items on the state budget and not subject to funding reductions in the DOE's budget. The Council discussed having one Council Member acting as a liaison to Linda Evans-Parlette; Council Member Tackman volunteered. Coordinator Hatcher will develop a list of "talking points" for the Council Members to use when contacting the state representatives.

Motion:

Council Member Welch moved to approve Coordinator Hatcher to reorganize the Department of Ecology fiscal year 2011 Instream Flow Rule Revision and Phase 4 budgets. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tackman and passed unanimously.

Water Use Report/Water Tracking Database Report

Chairman Knott reported he had summarized his comments and sent them to Aspect Consultants and that they have already been incorporated into both studies presented to Council. Chairman Knott explained to Council that Mr. Flynn of Aspect wants to caution the Council about the accuracy of the GIS and Okanogan County database information.

The Council discussed reach boundaries and the need to come up with a systematic way to determine the boundary lines in each reach. Hatcher reported Mr. Flynn has a couple of ideas to discuss with the Council regarding boundaries at a future meeting.

Council Member Phillips pointed out that he feels the property served by irrigation districts has been over estimated; this information will be reviewed again.

Chairman Knott left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to approve Aspect Consulting proceed with the methodology listed in these two reports; Water Use Report and Water Tracking System Report. The motion was seconded by Council Member Phillips and passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Council Member Schumacher briefly discussed a letter dated 07/30/10 from the Okanogan County Commissioners to the DOE regarding the need for clarification of WAC 173-548. Apparently there has been reference in the past to WAC 173-548A which the County argues does not exist.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Greg Knott, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jackie Moriarty, CMC
Secretary

Methow Watershed Council FY 2011 Funding and Budget Balance

19-Aug-10

by: Lee Hatcher

Fund Sources

		Phase IV	Phase IV Match (10%)	IFRR	P.U. Support	P.U. Supt Match (100%)
Funds committed from DOE		\$100,000		\$50,000	\$30,000	-\$30,000
USGS Clim Change Project			\$11,000			
Volunteer Hours			\$5,000			
Reclamation (office, reproduction, meeting space, telephone)						\$15,000
Total Funds	\$180,000	\$100,000	\$16,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	-\$15,000
Funds pending	\$60,000					

	Task Estimates				Difference
IFRR Task 1 - Water Withdrawal & Recharge Evaluation to Determine Consumptive Use	\$71,523	\$71,523			\$0
IFRR Task 2 - Develop Water Tracking Database and Quantify Level of Build Out	\$36,412		\$36,412		\$0
IFRR Task 3 - Instream Flow Rule Revision Support	\$37,540				(\$37,540)
PHIV Task 1 - Grant Management and Administration	\$39,000			\$23,000	(\$16,000)
PHIV Task 2 - Contracted Services	\$50,000	\$28,477	\$5,588	\$7,000	(\$8,935)
PHIV Task 3 - Organizational Development and Management	\$11,000		\$8,000		(\$3,000)
Totals	\$245,475	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	(\$65,475)
Net	(\$65,475)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$65,475)