

**Methow Watershed Council  
Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2012**

Council Members present: Greg Knott, Chairman, Dick Ewing, Brian Fisher, Vicky Welch, Bill Tackman, Hans Smith (Alternate/Twisp Mayor Appointee), Char Schumacher, (Okanogan County), and Jackie Moriarty, Secretary.

Guest: Mary McCrea, Cascadia Law Group.

Chairman Knott called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

**Agenda Additions and Deletions**

Additions:     None

Changes:       None

**Motion:**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:**

Council Member Ewing moved to approve the minutes of May 17, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Schumacher and passed unanimously.

Council Member Fisher moved to approve the minutes of June 21, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ewing and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Grants**

Aimee Grant provided grant status reports showing the Council that both grants were at 100% completion related to task and funding.

**Coordinator's Report**

Coordinator Hatcher was not present. Chairman Knott provided a Coordinator's report on the following:

- Water Storage Project – Hatcher will be meeting with Dave Burdick and Bob Barwin of the DOE to discuss the next steps towards our water storage project.
- Phase IV Implementation – The MWC will be receiving the last of the Phase 4 funding in FY 2013. The Scope of Work and Budget will be discussed at the Administrative Meeting on July 24, 2012 between the MWC and the Town.
- Further Projects – The DOE has requested a “wish list” of projects from the WRIAs for the upcoming biennium. The Council compiled a list of projects: Capital Grant Water Bank, Operational Funding and Instream Flow Rule Revision.

**Motion:**

Council Member Ewing moved to authorize Coordinator Hatcher to compile a complete list of projects, including Capital Grant Water Bank, Operational Funding and Instream Flow Rule Revision for the FY14-FY15 Department of Ecology funding cycle. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

**Action: Coordinator Hatcher will compile a list of projects including those listed above and then circulate the list to the Council for comment.**

- Instream Flow Rule Revision
- Organizational Development

**Organizational Development Committee**

Council Member Ewing read an excerpt from the July 9, 2012 minutes of the Okanogan County Commissioner's meeting. It appears like there was some confusion regarding the presentation that was made by MWC members to the Commissioners related to Organizational Development. Council Member Schumacher will talk to Perry Huston, Okanogan County Director of Planning, about setting up a meeting between him, Chairman Knott, Council Members Tackman and Ewing and Coordinator Hatcher. These 4 Council Members also plan to set up a meeting with Okanogan County Commissioner Hover to confirm complete understanding of the organizational development process and its importance to the MWC.

**Water Storage Project Evaluation**

**Motion:**

Council Member Ewing moved to accept the recommendation of Aspect Consulting of the Water Storage Project Evaluation document including accepting Davis Lake as the Council's top priority for a Water Storage Project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**Political Action Committee**

Committee Chairman Tackman reported he had sent out thank-you notes to the Senators and Representatives for their participation on funding to continue watershed planning.

**Technical Review Committee**

Committee Chairman Fisher had nothing new to report at this time.

**Instream Flow Rule Revision Committee**

Mary McCrea, Cascadia Water Law reported she will be working on the second half of the Instream Flow Rule Revision and will get her report to the committee prior to the September 2012 MWC meeting.

**Three Initiating Governments Reports**

**Town of Twisp**

There was nothing to report at this time.

Methow Valley Irrigation District

There was no representative present.

Okanogan County

Council Member Schumacher reported that the Okanogan County Planning Commission would be meeting on Monday, July 23, 2012 to discuss the Critical Areas Ordinance. Also, the County is working on a mapping clarification related to the Shoreline Master Plan.

**Next Meeting (August 16, 2012) - Agenda Items**


August agenda items:

- Phase 4 FY13 - Scope of Work and Budget
- Political strategy for Organizational Development
- FY14-15 Projects List

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council Chairman Knott adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Greg Knott, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jackie Moriarty, CMC  
Secretary