

**Methow Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2011**

Council Member present: Greg Knott (came late), Chairman, Bill Tackman, Brian Fisher, Dick Ewing, Don Phillips (MVID), Hans Smith (Town Council Alternate) and Council Coordinator Lee Hatcher.

Guests present: John Kirner.

Vice-Chairman Ewing called the meeting to order.

Coordinator's contract

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to amend section 2, part 2 of MWC Coordinator's Contract stating Town representatives will be present when the Coordinator's annual evaluation is conducted. Contract approved as amended – unanimous.

Political Action Committee

Committee Chair Tackman proposed meeting with Chairman Knott and Coordinator Hatcher to discuss Political Action Committee direction.

Organizational Development

Discussion on future structure and organization of the Committee.

- MWC wants Yakama Nation also offered membership or advisory
- Agree that irrigation ditches should be represented and will figure out how to organize that by discussing with the ditches
- TO DO – Talk Schuler about DOE's involvement in future MWC. Lee will have an informal conversation.
- Discussion about how to proceed with adopting the organizational legal foundations
- Need to keep abreast of the current Phase IV legislation. Knott noted that the proposed legislation "looks a lot like the interlocal structure".

Instream Flow Rule Revision

- Conservation standard – discussion – difficult to implement, but a clever approach that will help MWC deal with the '5,000 gpd' limits. Sub-committee recommends refer to RCW rather than the quantities.

- MWC likes the approach but notes that a lot of analysis is required to determine volumes.
- Committee Chair Smith reported on discussion about uses, and the on the confusion surrounding the Attorney General's opinion.

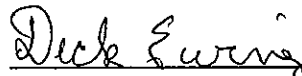
Next agenda

- Sub-Committee Reports
- Funding Task proposals
- Town of Twisp/MWC Memorandum of Agreement

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Ewing adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



Dick Ewing, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:



Jackie Moriarty, CMC

Secretary

(Minutes prepared by Coordinator Hatcher in Moriarty's absence)