

**Methow Watershed Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2009  
Riverbank Building**

Council Members present were: Vice-Chair Mike Fort, Greg Knott, Vicky Welch, Ray Campbell, Tom Gehring, Town of Twisp, Nate Wehmeyer, Okanogan County, Coordinator Lee Hatcher and Secretary Jackie Moriarty.

Council Members Absent w/ notification: Katharine Bill

Council Members Absent w/o notification: Marty Williams and Tim Johnson, MVID.

Guests:

Vice-Chairman Fort called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

Secretary Moriarty reminded Council members of the importance of tracking their time and filling out their volunteer forms.

**Approval of the Minutes from the October 29, 2009 Meeting**

**Motion:**

Council Member Knott moved to approve the minutes of October 29, 2009 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wehmeyer and passed unanimously.

**Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

Additions: None

Changes: Coordinator Hatcher asked that item #161 be placed below item #148 on the agenda.

**Motion:**

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

**Detailed Implementation Plan - #148**

Coordinator Hatcher presented the final Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) as finalized at the October 29, 2009 meeting. Hatcher discussed the fact that Greg Schuler, DOE has given his approval of the DIP and now it will go through the DOE's approval process. Hatcher reported he is still trying to determine if a SEPA has to be done on the DIP. It was suggested the MWC gets written confirmation of the DOE's approval of the DIP.

**Detailed Schedule and Budget for FY 10/11 - #161**

Coordinator Hatcher presented the Grant Delivery Schedule and Budget Performance spreadsheet. The spreadsheet was prepared to show the status of the Phase IV Implementation Grant and the Instream Flow Rule Revision Projects Grant broken down into tasks, deliverables, due dates, budget, percentage complete, total spent and percentage of the remaining budget.

Council Member Knott suggested finding external funding to cover a portion or entire amount of match required for the Phase IV Implementation Grant. Knott suggested Hatcher contact John Crandall; Mr. Crandall is currently working with Methow Restoration Council and may have funding available.

Hatcher will contact Mr. Crandall and continue his work developing a list of possible external donors as outlined in his scope of work.

#### **Request for Proposals – Instream Flow Rule Revision – Task 3 - #160**

Coordinator Hatcher presented a draft of the Phase IV Watershed Planning Service Agreement between the Town of Twisp and Aspect Consulting for the purpose of developing a study for Domestic Water Withdrawal and Septic Recharge. The Domestic Water Withdrawal Study has a budget amount of \$90,000 and the Septic Recharge Study a budget of \$23,000. The proposed timeline for the deliverables on both studies is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Draft, March 10, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> Draft, April 10, 2011  
Final Report, May 10, 2011

Council Member Fort suggested those dates be moved closer, the quicker the better to be able to continue on with other work related to the rule revision. Council agreed. Hatcher will contact Aspect and see if those dates can be moved up.

Council discussed their concern related to the tentative approval from the DOE about the approach MWC is taking regarding the rule revision. Council Member Knott pointed out the importance of keeping Greg Schuler updated on the progress made so we are on track with the DOE and make sure he sees our interim reports. Council Member Fort asked Hatcher what he felt the timeline for getting to a rule revision was; Hatcher figured about two years. Hatcher will bring a lists of tasks and timeframe related to the rule revision to the next meeting.

**Agenda Item:** Council Member Knott suggested putting an item on the agenda to go over the next steps and planning for the rule revision at the next meeting.

#### **Motion:**

Council Member Welch moved to authorize Mr. Hatcher to discuss the finalization of Draft Task Order No. 3 with the Town of Twisp and negotiate early as possible delivery with Aspect on the deliverables and bring back for signature. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wehmeyer and passed unanimously.

#### **Updating/Renewal of Methow Watershed Council Coordinator - #163**

Mr. Hatcher went over suggested changes to his contract:

- Contract term – November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010
- Increasing hours from 60 per month to 100 per month
- Now providing Professional Liability Insurance
- Annual contract budget not to exceed \$48,000 unless authorized by the MWC Chairperson

**Motion:**

Council Member Knott moved to extend the Methow Watershed Council's contract with Lee Hatcher (dba Optimal Niche LLC) until October 31, 2010. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

**Miscellaneous Discussion**

- Water transfers between reaches
- Build-out information
- County zoning changes and how they effect the MWC's work now and in the future
- The Council discussed public outreach/educational issues
- Discussed water reserve versus water rights
- Should the reaches be combined into one reach with 14 cfs or should they be kept as 7 reaches with 2 cfs per reach?
- Mr. Hatcher asked Council Members to write questions they thought would encourage public involvement and public vision of how planning should go regarding the WAC 173.548 rule revision process. Knott gave an example of a question that may get the public thinking about water issues: Is it important to allocate water for destination resorts, industry or bed and breakfast resorts?


**Agenda Item:** Go over public outreach questions submitted by the Council Members.

- Council Member Gehring suggested taking the timeline and working backwards from the deadline to develop a task list for the rule revision.


Coordinator Hatcher announced the next meeting would be held on December 17, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Council Member Knott to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wehmeyer and passed unanimously.

  
Mike Fort, Vice-Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
Jackie Moriarty, CMC  
Secretary