

**Methow Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2011**

Council Members present: Greg Knott, Chairman, Bill Tackman, Brian Fisher, Don Phillips, (MVID), Hans Smith (Town Council Member Alternate), Char Schumacher (Okanogan County Planning), Council Coordinator Lee Hatcher and Secretary Jackie Moriarty.

Guests present: Mary McCrea, Cascadia Law Group, Ruth Dight and Lee Bernheisel.

Chairman Knott called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Deletions: None

Additions: Housekeeping Items/Vacant Positions

Motion:

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

Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2011

Motion:

Council Member Tackman moved to approve the minutes of 05/03/11 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Phillips and passed unanimously.

Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Lee Hatcher reported on the following:

- Reminder to all present to fill out their volunteer forms.
- Updated the MWC timeline to reflect May and June (end of the fiscal year).
- The WaterSmart Grant pre-application was submitted on May 13th in the amount of \$190,000. Hatcher should hear back in about 2 months regarding the status of the submittal.
- The Bonneville pre-proposal grant application was submitted in March for \$50,000; this grant would aid in the MWC becoming an agency free of governmental lead ties.
- Organizational Development will be placed on the June agenda.

Action: Place Organizational Development on the June agenda.

Three Initiating Governments Reports

Town of Twisp

Council Member Smith had nothing to report at this time.

Methow Valley Irrigation District

Council Member Phillips had nothing to report at this time.

Okanogan County

Council Member Schumacher reported that the final public hearing regarding the Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan has not been set yet, there are no upcoming meetings for the Shorelines Master Plan and Critical Areas is still being worked on by the Okanogan County Planning Commission.

Sub-Committee Reports

Political Action Committee

Council Member Tackman had nothing to report at this time.

Technical Review Committee

Council Member Tackman reported the MWC Technical Review Committee met on May 16, 2011 and reviewed the Instream Flow Reservation Tracking Database, the Water Withdrawal Study and a memorandum presenting an overview of all of the information prepared by Aspect Consulting. Council Member Tackman reported that other than a few minor changes, which will be pointed out during the presentation by Aspect, the Technical Review Committee recommends passage by the MWC of the memorandum and these studies.

Council Member Tackman then turned the discussion over to Tim Flynn and Bill Sullivan of Aspect Consulting. Mr. Sullivan began with how Aspect derived at the consumptive use figure of 710 gallons per day (gpd); explaining that they estimated the average residential household use as approximately 30 gpd for inside use and 650 gpd for irrigation during the maximum demand month which is July. Mr. Sullivan discussed a method they used for determining irrigation usage; area photos were taken of 260 parcels of land showing the irrigated portion for each and this contributed to their assumption regarding irrigation. In the overview memorandum the Council reviewed three tables each showing:

- The Stream Management Reach, the Estimated Developed Residential Parcels Currently Subject to the Rule
- The estimate Maximum Month Consumptive Use per Parcel (gpd)
- The Aggregate Maximum Month Consumptive Use (gpd)
- The Aggregate Maximum Month Consumptive Use (cubic feet per second)(cfs)
- Remaining Reservation (cfs)

Table 1 showed the Estimated Maximum Consumptive Use under the Reservation – Current Conditions. Table 2 showed the Estimated Maximum Consumptive Use under the Reservation – Full Buildout Conditions.

Table 3 showed the Estimated Maximum Consumptive Use under the reservation, Buildout without Parcel Subdivision Conditions.

The Technical Review Committee recommended the reference be added to each table “under current zoning”.

- The Council discussed:
- Closed basins in the lower Methow Valley
- Parcels using a ditch for irrigation
- Maintaining water quality related to sewer discharge

Motion:

Council Member Phillips moved to approve the draft memorandum (the evaluation of Reservation Qualities Established by Chapter 173-548 WAC under Current and Potential Future Buildout Scenarios) including the recommendation of the Technical Review Committee to add “under current zoning” to Tables 1 – 3. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher.

Discussion: Council Member Smith asked how stock watering assumptions were made. Mr. Flynn explained the process of determining stock watering. It was decided to add a foot note regarding current and future buildout related to stock watering.

The motion was amended by Council Member Phillips to include this suggestion and seconded by Council Member Fisher; the amended motion passed unanimously.

Draft Letter to the Okanogan County Commissioners Regarding the Comprehensive Plan and Watershed Planning

Chairman Knott will revise his draft letter to Okanogan County Commissioners regarding the Comprehensive Plan and Watershed Planning based on Council’s comments. Any other comments can be submitted to Secretary Moriarty by June 3, 2011.

Rule Revision Process

Mary McCrea and the Council discussed exempt well use limits. Ms. McCrea mentioned another area that has successfully implemented this plan. She will propose language at a future meeting.

Miscellaneous/Vacant Council Positions

Chairman Knott reported that two people had expressed their interest in volunteering for a position on the board; Dick Ewing and Katharine Bill.


Next meeting/Agenda Items

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 5:00 pm at the Riverbank Building. Agenda items; vacant positions, Water Withdrawal Study, Instream Flow Reservation Tracking Database Study, Three Year Organization and Gain/Loss Analysis.

Adjournment

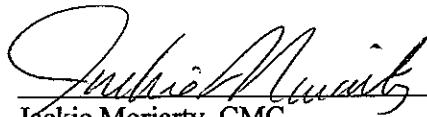
Council Member Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Greg Knott, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jackie Moriarty, CMC
Secretary