

**Methow Watershed Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2007  
Twisp Town Hall**

Council Members present were: Chairman Katharine Bill, Vice-Chairman Mike Fort, Marty Williams, Vicky Welch, Ray Campbell, Nate Wehmeyer, Okanogan County, Tim Johnson, MVID, Tom Gehring, Council Member Town of Twisp and Secretary Jackie Moriarty.

Council Members Absent: Greg Knott

Guests present: Rusty Post, Department of Ecology (DOE) and Lee Bernheisel.

Chairman Bill called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 20, 2007 MEETING**

Secretary Moriarty read into record the following proposed change to the June 20, 2007 minutes: Instead of "Post explained that the compensation was not to exceed 25% according to the DOE" the statement was proposed to say "Post explained that the administrative expenses should not exceed 25% of the grant total according to the DOE grant guidelines".

**MOTION:**

Council Member Fort moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2007 with the change as read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson and passed unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY GRANTS**

Secretary Moriarty stated that the Administrative Grant Agreement had been sent to the Town of Twisp but needed further budgetary breakdowns. Moriarty reported that she and Clerk Colleen Storms were working with the Department of Ecology to get the breakdowns done.

Rusty Post reported that both the Instream Rule Revision Grant and the Gauging Station Grant had been approved and the Town of Twisp should be receiving the grant agreements soon for review.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY SCOPE OF WORK**

Council Member Fort began by outlining task one briefly mentioning the following: the need for the council to compile a consultants list; build-out information also including Winthrop and Twisp; a determination of how much water is left in each reach and a consensus of the council of where the water should be used and how; recharge vs. instantaneous use issues; closed basins; and seasonal variability regarding the 640 gallons per day the DOE has determined to be the Methow average in-door use and the irrigation used during the summer months.

The Council determined to get information on the following list:

1. Single Family domestic wells per reach since 1976 in closed basins and build-out update from 2003 to present.
2. Emergency Rule development from 1994 also including land in conservation easements.
3. Surface water rights – Forest Service Campgrounds, parks after 1976 to 1994.
4. Parcels that use irrigation ditch and that have irrigation rights.

NOTE: Keep in mind current large developments that may be in progress

**Action: Secretary Moriarty will research Town of Twisp procedures regarding Request for Proposals. Council Member Fort will contact Highland Associates regarding the above list.**

The council discussed volunteer metering to track and determine area usage. This metering technique would be for a specified period that the council determined would give the best results and the council would also have to develop a land criteria plan to strategically place the meters. Discussion of hiring a consultant to develop a study plan was discussed. Rusty Post suggested using the DOE guidelines for a consultant Request For Proposals.

Council Member Fort discussed ground water recharge data and Rusty asked to see the data to determine if the information would be useable in the council's efforts.

## **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS**

Chairman Bill stated that in her opinion the proposed changes to the By-Laws were not the council's immediate priority and asked that they be reviewed at a later date.

### **MOTION:**

Council Member Fort moved to table discussion about the proposed changes to the By-Laws for three months. The motion was seconded by Council Member Campbell and passed unanimously.

## **TWISP PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

Secretary Moriarty explained that Town Attorney Scott Detro reviewed the Professional Services Agreement that the Council had previously approved and had a few changes. Moriarty presented the agreement amendment to the council for their consideration. Council Member Fort asked that the Council be provided with another copy of the original agreement so they are able to compare the two agreements.

### **MOTION:**

Council Member Campbell moved to table the Professional Services Agreement amendment proposal until the September meeting and pending further information being provided. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fort and passed unanimously.

## **WEBSITE/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT LOCATION**

Secretary Moriarty reported that as requested by the council she had expanded the distribution of agendas to the media. Moriarty stated that the following agencies/media are receiving an agenda: KOZI, KOMW, Omak Chronicle, KVLR, Methow Valley News, Town of Winthrop and as always an agenda is posted at the Twisp Town Hall and at the Twisp Post Office.

Secretary Moriarty discussed the website construction progress. Moriarty asked for suggestions regarding a domain name and it was suggested and agreed upon to use [www.methowwatershed.com](http://www.methowwatershed.com). Council Members also weighed in on the content of the page suggesting the entire content of the information both current and historical received from Okanogan County (2 CD's) be placed on the site along with the current plan and a link to the Department of Ecology's site. Moriarty stated that the council member's names were already included along with a link to agendas and minutes.

**Action: Moriarty will contact the Town of Twisp's provider Methownet and begin the process of getting the website up and running.**

## **TIMELINE FOR METHOW WATERSHED COUNCIL 2007-2008**

Chairman Bill passed out and read into record a timeline she prepared for the Watershed Council. Bill stated that the timeline was a working document and could be changed as needed. Council Members were pleased with Chairman Bill's efforts and commended her for her work.

## **MEETING NOTIFICATION/MAIL/EMAIL PHONE**

Secretary Moriarty asked the council if they were getting their meeting information. Council Member Johnson requested that Moriarty call him and he will pick the information up. Council Member Gehring asked for information to be placed in his

council box located at Town Hall. No other council member reported issues with the receipt of meeting materials.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

The next meeting was set by council for Thursday, September 20, 2007 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Fort to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson and passed unanimously.

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Katharine Bill, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Jackie Moriarty, CMC  
Secretary