



Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2018

5-7 p.m. – River Bank Building, Twisp, WA

Council Members Present: Dick Ewing, Mike Fort, Greg Knott, Bill Tackman, Travis Thornton, and Ashley Thrasher.

Others in Attendance: Kent Hitch, Lisa Dally-Wilson, Mary McCrea, Phil Milam, George Schneider, Chris Riggio, Lorah Super, and Jaquelyn Wallace. Minutes recorded by: Mary McCrea, MWF Chair.

Non-Procedural Motions

Motion #	Short Title	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
M-7-17-01	Extension request for Wolf Creek Grant	6	0	0

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Knott at 5:08 p.m.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

Chair did so on his own accord.

4. Minutes – Review and Approval

The Minutes of June 21, 2018, were approved as presented.

5. Report from the Chair Greg Knott

Greg reported Ecology sent a letter to the County revising a plat approval and citing WAC 173-548A and a “new program” in the Methow Basin. Greg inquired of Sage Park of Ecology about the reference to a part of 173-548 and a new program. Sage responded Ecology had not heard of it.

Kent Hitch reported that Ecology has redrawn the closed basin lines around Thompson Creek. Greg said he has requested that Ecology send closed basin revisions to the MWC and they have not done so. To date, revisions are complete on Wolf, Thompson and Beaver creeks.

At Wednesday night's community water discussion in Mazama, a resident of Edelweiss reported they had done a water use study 6-8 years ago with all connections metered. The individual said he would provide that information to MWC.

6. Grant Administrator Report:

George Schneider reported he had a separate stakeholder meeting with Tom Ring and Hans Smith of the Yakama Nation, and the Nation is "cool" on the Wolf Creek/TLAC project. Their question was whether a donation to Trust can have a new place of use. Tim Flynn told George it is not unusual and gave some examples.

BOR and WCRD have completed automation at the screen box. This will allow 200 af/yr to be saved, if that is what the quantity turns out to be. We will be sending a thank you to the BOR for their assistance on the project. There will be a July 24th site visit with Ecology to the screen box, which can be put back on manual for Ecology's observation of the "before screen box" scenario. George has asked permission of the Haub's and Hover's to be on their property.

The TLAC/WCRD agreement is held up by an insurance question. George will be meeting with the Wolf Creek Board on this matter.

TLAC's request for a new scope of work for the OCR \$171,000 has been submitted to Ecology. They have added one more task- an examination of any impairment to Arletta Corporation's (formerly Haub) water rights. Arletta does not oppose the project but wants Ecology on notice that if future impairment does occur, Ecology will stop the project.

The MWF grant for this project is currently set to expire this fall. George requested of the Council and was granted permission to request an extension of time from Ecology until the end of 2019, and to add a task of preparing a request for a donation to Trust. He is not requesting any additional money- there is ~ \$10,000 left in the grant.

7. Methow Watershed Foundation Report:

Mary McCrea reported that Sandra Strieby has been hired as Project Coordinator for the metering project and Sarah Lane has been hired for the administrative assistant position.

The GiveMethow campaign is coming up. Training is scheduled for July 23rd and Kent Hitch will be attending. Our application is due in September and the campaign runs from October 1-31.

8. Initiating Government Reports and Ecology Reports:

There were none given as no representatives were present.

9. Guest Speaker: Lisa Dally-Wilson of Dally Environmental

Lisa is a P.E. (Water Resource Engineer) who has facilitated some community visioning projects similar to what the MWC is proposing as Water 2066. The two basic models are a Landscape-based approach (Envision Skagit 2060) or a Focused Water Strategy (Icicle Creek).

Envision Skagit was funded by an EPA Alternatives Future Projects grant. A technical and steering committee met from 2009-2010. They then shifted the approach and formed a Citizen Advisory Committee, which met in 2010-2011. From the work of the Citizens' Committee, Implementation Steps were developed in 2011-2012.

Lisa emphasized the importance of citizen involvement and that the Skagit folks worked very hard. Skagit County facilitated the project but did not run it. The County was very supportive and assigned someone from the Planning Department to be on the project.

Sixty people applied for 16 positions on the Citizens' Committee. The application was detailed and took some effort to complete. The committee represented a wide range of interests: geographically broad, dike and drainage district farmers, dairy farmer, real estate agent, and building community. There were no strong tribal representatives but they did field trips with the Upper Skagit Tribe.

Goal statements developed went to the cities, towns, county commissioners.

The Council discussed where we want to go. Bill Tackman wants to be sure the County will take our product into account. Phil Milam of MVCC asked about timing of Comp Plan amendments and Water 2066.

Lisa emphasized that citizens must drive the process. Get the county and towns involved early. We should identify recommended outcomes- what we want to see. Then- how do we get there?

“Intended outcomes based on a community vision.”

First step- who are “we?” Develop applications for a Citizens’ Committee. Water 2066 Subcommittee can establish boundaries on the vision and then hand it over to the Citizens Committee.

Travis Thornton said MWC needs to implement the DIP. We are in a box because of the need for rule revision and court cases. Need to have the community help us out of the box.

MWC- convener/facilitator

Citizens Advisory Committee--- Vision and recommendations
County, towns, Ecology, Legislation, tribes?--- Implementers

Get comfortable with uncertainty.

10. Meeting Adjournment

At 7:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Chair Greg Knott.

Greg Knott, Council Chairman *Approved*

at the August 16,, 2018 Council Meeting.