

**Methow Watershed Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2012**

Council Members present: Greg Knott, Chairman, Dick Ewing, Brian Fisher, Bill Tackman, Mike Fort, Hans Smith (Alternate/Twisp Mayor Appointee), Char Schumacher, (Okanogan County), Josh Morgan (MVID), Jackie Moriarty, Secretary and Lee Hatcher, Coordinator.

Guest: Mary McCrea, Cascadia Law Group.

Chairman Knott called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

**Agenda Additions and Deletions**

Additions:     None

Changes:       None

**Motion:**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:**

Council Member Ewing moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2012 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Grants**

No reports for FY13.

**Coordinator's Report**

Coordinator Hatcher reported on the following:

- He reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer slips.
- Timeline – He discussed Phase IV having five tasks, including work done by the Town, Optimal Niche and Mary McCrea, Cascadia Law Group.
- He discussed the possibility of the MWC being able to continue work on the Instream Flow Rule Revision (IFRR).
- There will be a meeting on October 16, 2012 with Derek Sandison to discuss the continued work on the IFRR and Organizational Development; Chairman Knott and Council Member Ewing will prepare an agenda for that meeting.
- Two combined Organizational Development and Political Action Committee meetings were scheduled for September 22, 2012 at 5:00 pm and October 11, 2012 at 4:30 pm

- The Water Storage Project Grant for \$98,000 and the Phase IV Grant for \$50,000 (FY12) have been completed and closed out with the DOE as of July 31, 2012.
- Water Storage Project – Hatcher will be meeting with Dave Burdick and Bob Barwin of the DOE to discuss the next steps towards our water storage project.

### **Three Initiating Governments Reports**

#### **Town of Twisp**

Council Member Smith reported the Town of Twisp is still working on water acquisition and water storage is still needed for mitigation.

#### **Methow Valley Irrigation District**

There was nothing to report at this time.

#### **Okanogan County**

Council Member Schumacher reported that a new draft of the Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan will be available within a couple of weeks.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

#### **Political Action Committee**

Committee Chairman Tackman reported he has had two meetings with Commissioner Bud Hover.

#### **Technical Review Committee**

Committee Chairman Fisher had nothing new to report at this time; however there was a committee meeting scheduled for September 27, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

#### **Instream Flow Rule Revision Committee**

Council Member Smith and Ms. McCrea discussed setting up monthly meetings. Ms. McCrea will be reviewing previous notes and developing a draft timeline. It was decided to hold the next IFRR meeting on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

### **Political Strategy for Organizational Development**

Derek Sandison, Okanogan County Commissioner Bud Hover, Okanogan County Planning Director Perry Huston, Council Member Ewing and Coordinator Hatcher met and discussed water banking. Commissioner Hover was provided another copy of the MWC draft Organizational Development Plan and Executive Summary.

Council Member Ewing will electronically distribute the Organizational Development Plan and Executive Summary to the MWC Council. Council Member Smith will provide the Executive Summary to the Twisp Town Council.

### **Water Storage Capital Project**

Chairman Knott discussed the meeting held including him, Coordinator Hatcher, Lisa Pelly, Trout Unlimited, and Dave Burdick and Bob Barwin of the DOE to discuss the Water Storage Capital Project. Trout Unlimited will be the Lead Agency for this project including grant administration.

Chairman Knott discussed Task 9 and stated that more attention should be given to the Beaver Creek area for wetlands and recharge.

**Motion:**

Council Member Ewing moved to approve the Scope of Work and Budget for the joint project between the Methow Watershed Council and Trout Unlimited for the Water Storage Capital Project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fort and passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting (October 18, 2012) - Agenda Items**


October agenda items:

Secretary Moriarty and Coordinator Hatcher will develop the October agenda.


**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council Chairman Knott adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Greg Knott, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jackie Moriarty, CMC  
Secretary