

Methow Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2010

Council Members present were: Vicky Welch, Vice-Chair, Marty Williams, Bill Tackman, Don Phillips (MVID Alternate), Char Schumacher, (Okanogan County), Tom Gehring (Twisp Council Member), Coordinator Lee Hatcher and Secretary Jackie Moriarty.

Council Members Absent: Greg Knott, Chair, Mike Fort and Brian Fisher.

Guests: Twisp Mayor Bill Boosman, Mary McCrea, Cascade Law and Tim Flynn, Aspect Consultants.

Vice- Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. Secretary Moriarty passed out volunteer timesheets to Council Members.

Approval of the Agenda

Additions/Deletions: None

Council approved the agenda; there was no motion.

Approval of the Minutes from the September 1, 2010 Meeting

Motion:

Council Member Schumacher moved to approve the minutes of September 1, 2010 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

Coordinator's Report

Timeline

Hatcher reviewed the September 2010-February 2011 Methow Watershed Council Timeline.

Revised to reflect Task Order 3 – Aspect Consulting.

Need to add the Hydrology Study.

Need to add in Organizational Development.

Watershed PAG and Planners Meeting

Coordinator Hatcher reported on the Columbia-Snake River Water Right Relinquishment Proposal. Hatcher stated a recommendation coming from the entire MWC would be a more powerful than individual Council Member comments. Hatcher's recommendation was to have the Council review both the Columbia-Snake River Water Right Relinquishment Proposal and the DOE 2010 Report to the Legislature and Governor/Water Resources Program Functions and Funding Structure and send their comments to him to collate.

Council discussed the proposal of watershed planning being changed to water management in RCW 90.82 and the concept of watershed councils being given support of \$50,000 per year for 4 years additions years. This is all in an effort to make water planning/management sustainable.

Council decided to review the two proposals and submit their comments to Lee.

Motion:

Council Member Tackman moved to approve Council submitting their comments regarding the Columbia-Snake River Water Right Relinquishment Proposal and the DOE 2010 Report to the Legislature and Governor/Water Resources Program Functions and Funding Structure to Coordinator Hatcher for him to collate and send back out for Council review. After the Council has had a chance to see the draft and comment, comments will go back to Hatcher for possible changes, then back to the Council for one more review before the comments are submitted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

WaterSmart Washington

Greg Schuler shared with the Council the opportunity of commenting on a weekly question the DOE has been posting on their website under "WaterSmart Washington". Mr. Schuler suggested those that have time to access the DOE website go on and share their opinions each week.

DOE Grant Work

Coordinator Hatcher reported on Task Order No. 3 (Attachments A, B, C and D) outlining the objectives and costs for both the Phase IV and Instream Flow Rule Revision grants.

Brainstorming – Water Use Analysis, Administrative Processes, Additional Water Allocation Ideas and Outliers

The Council discussed the Instream Flow Rule Revision Brainstorming information. The Water Use Analysis, Administrative Processes, Additional Water Allocation Ideas and Outliers sections were reviewed; the Outlier section was deleted from the document. Coordinator Hatcher will take the Council's changes and update the Brainstorming information for the next meeting.

Water Storage Strategy Development – Storage Ideas, Potential Partners and Funding (in addition to DOE)

This item will be moved to the next agenda for discussion.

Draft a Three Year Plan

This item will be moved to the next agenda for discussion.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 21, 2010.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Gehring to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Williams and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Vicky Welch, Vice-Chairman for

ATTEST:



Jackie Moriarty, CMC
Secretary