

Methow Watershed Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 30, 2007  
Twisp Town Hall

Council Members present were: Temp Chairman Katharine Bill, Mike Fort, Greg Knott, Marty Williams, Nate Wehmeyer, Okanogan County, Vern Nations, Mayor, Town of Twisp and Secretary Jackie Moriarty.

Council Members Absent: Ray Campbell, Vicky Welch and Tim Johnson, MVID.

Guests present: Rusty Post, DOE, Tom Gehrig, Twisp Council Member, Colleen Storms, Town of Twisp, and Perry Huston, Okanogan County Planning Department.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES FROM THE MAY 16, 2006 MEETING**

Council Member Knott requested that future agendas be numbered and that those items that did not get resolved during the previous meeting be automatically moved to the top of old business, using the same number, to the next agenda for further discussion. Knott stated that way the old business has to be taken care of before going on to new business. Knott also asked that a name or group be associated and that their name be printed after each item on the agenda so the council knows who will be speaking to the issue.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knott moved to approve the minutes as sent. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fort and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Fort moved to approve the agenda and to incorporate Council Member Knott's suggestions into future agendas. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knott and passed unanimously.

**Action: Moriarty will update the agenda for the next meeting.**

**TOWN OF TWISP/MWC MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – LEAD AGENCY**

Council Member Fort questioned the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Methow Watershed Council and the Town of Twisp. Fort asked if the council needed to get involved in the dealings that the Town of Twisp and the

Department of Ecology (DOE) have in regards to the Lead Agency status. Fort then pointed out that there were two separate functions going on; 1) The Town of Twisp serving as the Lead Agency; and 2) The Town of Twisp providing Secretarial Services. Perry Hutson suggested that the Secretarial Services be worked out in a simple Service Contract and be separated from the MOA. Hutson reminded the council that the lead agencies compensation was set by the DOE; however, the council could set the fees paid for Secretarial Services.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knott moved to have a simple service contract be drafted between the Methow Watershed Council and the Town of Twisp detailing the secretarial services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Williams and passed unanimously.

**Action: Clerk Storms will draft a secretarial services contract between the Methow Watershed Council and the Town of Twisp.**

**PLANNING UNIT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BIENNIUM GRANT**

Rusty Post discussed a grant that is available through the DOE specifically for administrative support for planning units. Post stated that the grant application is due by June 15, 2007 and each WRIA is eligible for a reimbursement based \$30,000 biennium grant. Council Member Knott expressed his support of this grant and asked if the council would receive a monthly financial statement of the grant. Council Member Knott was assured that the Council would be kept updated on the grant status.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Fort moved to approve submittal of the grant application in the amount of \$30,000 for Administrative Support. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knott and passed unanimously.

**Action: Moriarty will work with Post to develop an application for submittal by June 15, 2007.**

**BIENNIUM OPERATIONS/PROJECT GRANT**

Council Member Fort gave the council background regarding the Biennium Operations/Projects grant. Fort stated that the council had been denied previously for their lack of readiness to proceed. The Council discussed the need for a prioritized list of projects prior to applying again. Post relayed that this money had been basically earmarked for other regional projects and that he was skeptical of whether we would even be considered at this point. The council agreed not to submit a grant at this time.

## **OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

Council Member Fort stated that according to Roberts Rules of Order council members must first voice their intent to hold an office and then it must be voted upon at their next regular meeting. That being said, Katharine Bill announced her interest in holding the position of Chairperson and Mike Fort announced his interest in holding the position of Vice-Chairperson. The council agreed that the official elections would be held at the next meeting.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY GRANT SCOPE OF WORK – TASKS 1 AND 5a**

Council Member Fort discussed the Scope of Work specifically Tasks 1 and 5a. Fort discussed the Instream flow definition; the 2cfs prioritization list; single family and stock water; the need by DOE to have legally defensible information regarding the water rights currently being used; and having a build out study done. Fort requested that all council members review WAC 173-548 for the next meeting.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY AND OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Chairman Bill discussed an upcoming meeting at the Okanogan County Commissioners Office on June 28, 2007 with directors from the DOE. The Council briefly discussed private dealings where water rights are being transferred out of Okanogan County to other areas down stream on the Columbia River and issues surrounding planned subdivisions and exempt wells.

## **BY-LAWS**

Chairman Bill discussed the proposed revisions to the By-Laws.

### **MOTION:**

Council Member Fort moved to approve the May 30, 2007 revisions of the Methow Watershed Council By-Laws as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knott and passed unanimously.

Rusty Post discussed briefly his suggestions to some revisions to the by-laws. Chairman Bill requested that Post email his suggestions to the council members for their review prior to the next meeting.

**Action: Rusty will email his by-law change suggestions to the council prior to the next regular meeting.**

**MOTION:**

Council Member Fort moved to start enforcing the meeting attendance requirements set forth in the by-laws upon the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knott and passed unanimously.

Rusty Post asked the council if they required or wished for his presence at each watershed council meeting. The council agreed that his attendance would be helpful.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The Council set the next meeting date and for Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm at the Town Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Council Member Fort to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knott and passed unanimously.

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Katharine Bill, Temp Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Moriarty, CMC  
Secretary