

**Methow Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2011**

Council Member present: Greg Knott, Chair, Bill Tackman, Brian Fisher, Dick Ewing, Perry Huston (Okanogan County Planning), Tom Gehring (Town Council Member), Hans Smith (Alternate/Town Council Member) Council Coordinator Lee Hatcher and Secretary Jackie Moriarty.

Guests present: Dalana Potter, Okanogan County Planning Department.

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

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Deletions: None

Additions: Request for a letter of support/Salmon Safe Grant
Executive Session - Personnel

Motion:

Council Member Huston moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion:

Council Member Huston moved to approve the minutes of the 09/15/11 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Hatcher reported on the following:

- He presented a grant status summary.
- He discussed the two current MWC grants from DOE totaling \$148,000 for Phase IV and a Water Storage Feasibility Study, a possible grant through the Department of Commerce that would enable the MWC to continue work on Rule Revision, and a Climate Control grant in the amount of \$45,000.

Action: Coordinator Hatcher will develop a proposed scope of work for Aspect Consulting related to the water storage feasibility study.

Action: Set a meeting for MWC representatives to meet with Dave Berdick, DOE and Tim Flynn, Aspect Consulting to discuss the water storage feasibility study and the capital grant for building a water storage project.

Three Initiating Governments Reports

Town of Twisp

Council Member Smith shared with the Council that the Town of Twisp is currently working with Dan Haller, DOE to acquire water rights; the Town may need support from the MWC in the future.

Methow Valley Irrigation District

No representative was present.

Okanogan County

Council Member Huston reported on the following:

- The County is currently working on airport protection; this issue still requires one more public hearing and legal review.
- Public comment on the County Shoreline Master Plan closes on November 8th and then will be sent to the DOE for review and comment.
- The Critical Areas Plan is still being reviewed by the County Planning Commission. Mr. Huston hopes that these plans will be passed by the Commission in the spring of 2012.
- He reported that a voluntary committee will be formed from interested attendees at an upcoming meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 related to the Growth Management Act. Council Member Ewing plans to attend the meeting and will report back to the MWC. Council Member Huston will send secretary Moriarty an email containing a Powerpoint presentation for distribution to the Council.

Sub-Committee Reports

Political Action Committee

Council Member Tackman announced that he, Chairman Knott and Coordinator Hatcher will be attending the November 7, 2011 County Commissioners meeting to make the Commissioners aware of the work the MWC is doing and how important zoning and build-out is to watershed planning.

Technical Committee

Council Member Tackman stated that the Technical Committee did not meet in October but at their November meeting they would be discussing a process in which the water tracking database CD's would be distributed.

Organizational Development Committee

Council Member Ewing discussed the following:

- The deletion of #6 of the draft List of Future Organizational Activities and Powers; "6) Manage 2 cfs reserve per reach".
- The Nisqually WRIA formation and the WAC in which they plan by.
- Mary McCrea is currently researching the Walla Walla agreement and preparing a mock document for the Methow.
- Researching the structure of the Cascades Watershed Alliance.

Rule Revision Committee

Council Member Smith reported on the following:

- The committee met on October 17, 2011 and discussed the need to know the type of organizational development the MWC chooses to follow prior to being able to move too much further. A question of water management or monitoring etc.
 - Removing the processing trust water applications – covered by the Hillis Rule

- Addition - Expedite restoration/habitat permits.
- Chairman Knott asked Council Members to be considering whether the Council should be a monitoring group or active group.

Salmon Safe Grant -- Letter of Support

Chairman Knott reported that he had been approached by an employee of Trout Unlimited requesting a letter of support in extending the Salmon Safe Grant program. This program promotes agriculture while protecting land, water and habitat. The Council agreed to support this request and sees the program as beneficial.

Motion:

Council Member Huston moved to draft a letter support for the pursuit for resources to enhance their volunteer program under the Washington Water Project of Trout Unlimited's Salmon-Safe Partnership. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed. Council Member Ewing opposed.

Action: Coordinator Hatcher was directed to write the letter of support no later than October 31, 2011.

Town of Twisp/MWC Memorandum of Agreement

Council Member Smith presented an amended MOA between the Town of Twisp and the MWC for the Council's review. Smith pointed out the amendments to the "responsibility" section.

Motion:

Council Member Fisher moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Twisp and the Methow Watershed Council as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ewing and passed unanimously.

Draft List of Future Organizational Activities and Powers

Council Member Ewing briefly discussed again the list of future organizational activities and powers. The deletion of #6 related to managing the 2cfs reserve per reach and the addition of language that would provide liability coverage for members of new Council.

Water Storage Capital Grant Administration

Coordinator Hatcher discussed the \$850,000 Capital Grant for a water storage project. Hatcher first explained that this grant is not required to be run through the Town of Twisp and most likely would not be, however the Council will need to then discuss project management and needed consultants.

Phase IV Grant

Coordinator Hatcher provided to Council a breakdown of the proposed budget for the \$50,000 Phase IV grant; secretary services, grant administration, coordinator and consultant.

Executive Session

Chairman Knott adjourned into Executive Session at 7:04 pm for approximately 15 minutes to discuss qualifications and responsibilities of personnel.

Chairman Knott reconvened into regular session at 7:20 pm

Motion:

Council Member Ewing moved to increase the Phase IV secretarial budget to \$10,000 by taking \$3,000 from the Instream Flow Rule Revision line item and \$2,392 from the Grant Administrator line item. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed. Council Member Smith abstained.

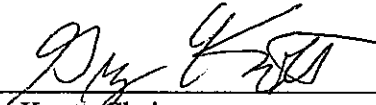
Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Septic Recharge
- Water Storage Feasibility Study Scope
- Water Storage Capital Grant Admin.

Adjournment

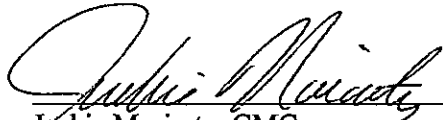
Council Member Tackman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Greg Knott, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jackie Moriarty, CMC
Secretary