

Methow Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2009
Riverbank Building

Council Members present were: Chair Katharine Bill, Vice-Chair Mike Fort, Greg Knott, Vicky Welch, Marty Williams, Ray Cambell, and, Coordinator Lee Hatcher

Council Members Absent w/ notification: Tom Gehring, Council Member Town of Twisp, Nate Wehmeyer, Okanogan County.

Council Members Absent w/o notification: Tim Johnson, MVID

Chairman Bill called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 11 June, 2009

MOTION:

Council Member Welch moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Williams and passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Additions: DOE budget status – Rusty Post

MOTION:

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

COORDINATOR'S REPORT/TIMELINE

Coordinator Hatcher reported that end of fiscal year reports had been completed and that deliverables were in the process of being finalized. MWC is on track to receive almost all of the funds it originally requested.

Agenda Item 148 - Review and approval of the Domestic Water Use Study

The council proceeded to discuss the Domestic Water Use Study proposes and provided by Aspect Consulting. Mike Fort suggested that the word 'withdrawal' be substituted for the word 'use' in the title and elsewhere in the report. All council members agreed with this.

It was noted that under Section 1.1 on page 1, third paragraph, that a lag time of one-month is a likely average for water that seeps from a drainage ditch to reach a river. The MWC questions this and wants more information from Aspect about where this number comes from. Marty Williams mentioned.

The MWC also agreed that they wanted no metering and that Section 3.6 – Adaptive Management Program (Metering Program) be struck from the Domestic Withdrawal Study).

Agenda Item 157 – Schedule to Finish the DIP

Lee Hatcher presented the proposed schedule from Aspect for finishing the DIP. The MWC agreed to the meetings and general schedule. However, they want to move up the public review if the opportunity arises to do so.

It was also discussed and agreed that it would make more sense to proceed with the Instream Flow Rule revision after the DIP is approved. Chair Bill suggested talking to Bob Barwin at DOE about the IFR and the DIP. She suggested we meet with him in Wenatchee and that She, Greg, and Lee attend.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knott and passed unanimously.

Katharine Bill, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lee Hatcher for
Jackie Moriarty, CMC (on vacation)
Secretary