



Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022 -7 p.m. – Via Zoom

Council Members Present: Greg Knott, Mike Fort, Dick Ewing, Alyssa Jumars, Bill Tackman, Jean Bodeau, and Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

Others in Attendance: Michael Bastian (MWF), Lee Bernheisel (OWL), David Clement, Susan Crampton, Curtis Koger (AESI), Craig McDonald (MWF), Marcy Stamper (MVN), Lorah Super (MVCC, CD), Jeanne White (MC)

Minutes recorded by: Sarah Lane, Administrator

Non-Procedural Motions

Motion #	Short Title	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
4.22-01	Motion to approve Confluence event plan and budget	6	0	0
4.22-02	Motion to approve 2021 Financials	6	0	0
4.22-03	Motion to accept Michael Bastian (MWF) on Outreach and Education committee	6	0	0

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mayor Ing-Moody at 5:03PM.

2. Roll Call of Council Members

3. Agenda – Additions or Changes

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Minutes – Review and Approval

Councilmember Tackman moved to approve the March 17, 2022 MWC Minutes. Councilmember Knott seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. Report from the Council Chair: Mayor Ing-Moody had no report

6. MWF Report: Chair- Craig McDonald

MWF Chair McDonald reported that the MWF is working on a work process document to better plan for budget related to MWC goals and financial needs. McDonald requested that the MWC have a discussion of technology needs on a future agenda.

7. Subcommittee Reports:

Technical Review Committee, Chair – Fort

Councilmember Fort deferred to the evening’s agenda item for this report.

Outreach and Education Committee, Chair- Knott

Councilmember Knott reported on the plans for the Confluence event, planned for June 25, from 1-4PM. The committee has developed the budget for the event, identified needs for help with planning and

volunteer needs for the day of event. A list of participants to be invited was presented and the Council was asked to review this list to be sure no one was missed.

Administrator Lane was invited to go over the details of the event in more detail. She reviewed the more detailed budget, which is a subset of the grant budget approved by the Council in January. The total cost of the event is expected to be \$1600.

Purpose of the event was articulated: to gather people and organizations working on water in the valley. The list of proposed invited organizations was presented. Proposed speakers are Mayor Ing-Moody and Commissioner Hover, speaking on the trajectory and history of the MWC, respectively. Lane noted the volunteer help needed in details. Lane asked for the plan to be approved.

Councilmember Tackman asked if work on water banking can be included, and if the CD had been contacted for this opportunity. Mayor Ing-Moody asked if Methow Salmon Recovery was included. Councilmember Jumars expressed support for the event.

Councilmember Ewing moved to approve the plan for the Confluence event. Councilmember Jumars seconded the motion.

Councilmember Bodeau asked if the Forest Service and Trout Unlimited was on the list of invitees. Councilmember Bodeau and Jumars and Mayor Ing-Moody volunteered to help. Administrator Lane asked for all Councilmembers plan to attend.

Motioned passed unanimously.

Ad Hoc Reports

Water Banking Subcommittee – Councilmember Tackman reported that the Water Banking committee (WB) met with the Conservation District (CD) staff (Craig Nelson and Lorah Super). A role for the MWC was discussed. The WB plans to meet with the CD monthly as work progresses. Public outreach is an important component. Water trust right policy documents are currently under review. Members of the WB committee are trying to meet with Mary McCrea to get a better understanding of what they mean, and of effective comments.

CRM Subcommittee – No report, no meeting.

Resilient Methow Report – No report.

8. Initiating Government Reports

Town of Winthrop- No report

Okanogan County- No report

Town of Twisp- No report

9. Ecology Report: No report

10. Presentation: No Presentation

11. Agenda Item 4.21.22-01: Public Comment

Written Comment submitted by Susan Crampton:

Thanks to all MWC your work and for your perspectives and input. I have paid attention to Methow watershed issues for many years and consider those issues to be part of the community and environmental foundation that we depend on, but my attention and knowledge is more general than specific. The more I find out about particulars of Methow watershed issues, the more I see how complex these issues are. I support your work on the current Work Plan, and appreciate your community outreach to let people know

that this process is ongoing and is open to public input.

12. Agenda Item 4.21.22-02: Discuss Water Banking Priorities for WRIA 48

Administrator Lane reported that the WB committee is slowing its pace. There is time, as the WB works with the CD moving forward. Councilmember Tackman asked if any Councilmembers had any comment. Councilmember Ewing noted that Commissioner Hover's observation on the presentation of recommendations for the process of forming the water bank needed feedback.

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that the Twisp Town Council approves of the direction of the Priorities, with the exception of the out of basin leasing options, which they would like to see removed. The WB committee will discuss this at their next meeting and bring it back to Council.

13. Agenda Item 4.21.22-03: Tech Committee to submit Metering grant reports to Ecology

Councilmember Fort reported that one more meter has been installed and the final meter will be installed soon. He believes the final report should be complete in about two weeks. No comments have been received from MWC members. He is concerned about having the report approved in May should there not be a quorum for the meeting. He asked if the report could be approved in draft form so it could be submitted without a vote if needed.

Councilmember Tackman said he thinks the report is good to go. Councilmember Knott asked if a substantive portion of the report is done. Councilmember Fort said yes, with a few details and clarifications needed. Councilmember Knott asked if public comment was still open. Councilmember Bodeau suggested provisional approval pending any substantive public comment. Mayor Ing-Moody suggested a special meeting could be called to approve it should a quorum fail for May's meeting. It was agreed to not to go with provisional approval of the draft at this time.

14. Agenda Item 4.21.22-04: Review and Approve 2021 Financials

Councilmember Ewing moved to approve the 2021 Financials. Councilmember Fort seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

15. Agenda Item 4.21.22-05: Discuss and Approve M. Bastian to Outreach and Education Committee

Mayor Ing-Moody said that MWF member Michael Bastian is interested in serving on the Outreach and Education committee. She noted that since it is a non-policy-making committee, appointment may seem appropriate for a non-Councilmember since, the committee is seeking knowledgeable assistance. Councilmember Knott, O&E committee chair, said that the committee does need the help. Councilmember Ewing moved to accept Michael Bastian on the O&E committee. Councilmember Fort seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

15. Agenda Item 4.21.22-05: Next Steps

- a. Mike Kaputa presentation
- b. Tech discussion
- c. Task 4 report
- d. Water banking priorities
- e. Confluence event details

16. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM

Alyssa Jumars, Council Vice-Chair

Approved at the May 19, 2022 Methow Watershed Council meeting