

**Methow Watershed Council
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2011**

Council Member present: Dick Ewing, Vice-Chair, Bill Tackman, Brian Fisher, Mike Fort, Char Schumacher (Okanogan County Planning), Council Coordinator Lee Hatcher and Secretary Jackie Moriarty.

Guests present: None

Vice-Chairman Ewing called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Deletions: None

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Motion:

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion:

Council Member Tackman moved to approve the minutes of the 06/16/11 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fort and passed unanimously.

Motion:

Council Member Schumacher moved to approve the minutes of the 07/21/11 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fisher and passed unanimously.

Motion:

Council Member Fort moved to approve the minutes of the 08/18/11 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tackman and passed unanimously.

Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Hatcher reported that until he hears more about the status of the grants he has nothing to report and has not updated the timeline.

Three Initiating Governments Reports

Town of Twisp

No representative was present.

Methow Valley Irrigation District

No representative was present.

Okanogan County

Council Member Schumacher reported that the County Commissioners would be holding a public hearing on September 27, 2011 in their meeting room to discuss the Shoreline Master Plan. Council Member Schumacher reported written comments can be sent to the Clerk of the Board and a copy of the Shoreline can be found on the County's website.

Sub-Committee Reports

Technical Committee

The Council discussed the need to have procedures set up for use of the Water Tracking Database; Coordinator Hatcher has the CD's that contain the software currently. Council Member Tackman stated the committee will discuss the issue at their next meeting and report back to Council at the November meeting.

Political Action Committee

Council Member Tackman discussed attending a 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. The Council discussed having Tim Flynn of Aspect Consulting attend as well.

Action: Coordinator Hatcher will provide a list of talking points to Council Member Tackman prior to the group attending a County Commissioner's meeting.

Council Member Tackman discussed the need for any communications that come from the MWC as a whole to be reviewed by the Political Action Committee, then approved by the MWC before sent out or stated. Tackman also urged members to be careful when speaking in public that their own individual opinions are not construed as the opinion of the MWC.

Organizational Development Committee

Vice-Chairman Ewing provided and reviewed a draft list of Future Organizational Activities and Powers. Ewing asked the Council to review the list; comments are to be sent to Coordinator Hatcher.

Rule Revision Committee

No meeting was held.

Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Twisp and the Methow Watershed Council

Coordinator Hatcher briefly discussed the draft MOA revised for review by Council Member Smith; Hatcher asked Council to review and comment.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Draft List of Future Organizational Activities and Powers
Aspect Consulting Contract

Adjournment


Council Member Fort moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tackman and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Dick Ewing, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:



Jackie Moriarty, CMC
Secretary