

**Methow Watershed Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2008  
Twisp Town Hall**

Council Members present were: Chairman Katharine Bill, Greg Knott, Vicky Welch, Marty Williams, Tom Gehring, Council Member Town of Twisp, and Secretary Jackie Moriarty.

Council Members Absent: Mike Fort, Ray Campbell, Nate Wehmeyer, Okanogan County and Tim Johnson, MVID.

Guests present: Rusty Post, DOE.

Chairman Bill called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Chairman Bill added discussion regarding the Phase 4 Grant application.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 21, 2008 MEETING**

**MOTION:**

Council Member Gehring moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2008 as sent. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch and passed unanimously.

**GRANT REPORTING – AGENDA #134**

Secretary Moriarty reported that there had been no reimbursement requests submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Storms this month.

**PROGRESS REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEMBER WEHMEYER REGARDING IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND CLOSED BASIN MAPS – AGENDA #139**

Council Member Wehmeyer was not present to report on his search for irrigation district and closed basin maps at Okanogan County. Rusty Post reported that he had not been able to locate any closed basin maps from the Department of Ecology archives but will continue to look.

**METHOW WATERSHED TIMELINE**

The Council briefly discussed and reviewed their timeline.

**CONSULTANT INTERVIEWS – DRAFT QUESTIONS AND CRITERIA PER TASK – AGENDA ITEM #140**

The Council reviewed draft questions, a score card and a rating sheet prepared by Chairman Bill for the upcoming Phase 4 Detailed Implementation process consultant interviews. Moriarty shared that she had two consultant agencies request the list of interview questions and asked how that Council would like her to handle the requests. The Council agreed not to release the interview questions prior to the interviews based on various Council Members opinions and experiences.

**OCTOBER METHOW WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING**

Secretary Moriarty reported that she will be gone to training the week of October 13 -17 and asked if the Council would like to have the meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> or move the meeting to the next week. The Council agreed to hold the October meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**COUNCIL COORDINATOR JOB INTERVIEW – DRAFT INTERVIEW QUESTIONS – AGENDA #130**

Chairman Bill reported that two consultant firms, Aspect Consulting and Skillings Connolly Consulting prepared a proposal for the Council Coordinator position and there were two independent proposals from Lee Hatcher and from Jeff Chandler. Chairman Bill proposed that the two independent individuals be interviewed on Friday, October 3, 2008 at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Secretary Moriarty will set up the interviews.

**OUTREACH – ADS, MY TURN AND WEBSITE –PLAN – AGENDA ITEM #133**

Chairman Bill stated that she would like to hold off running any more ads until Phase 4 starts. The Council agreed.

Council discussed their interest in having a counter on the website. Moriarty will contact Medicine Wheel and ask for that addition.

**PHASE 4 GRANT APPLICATION**

Chairman Bill discussed the completion and submission date of the Phase 4 Grant application and the concern of whether the Council should go forward to hire a Council Coordinator and Phase 4 Consultant without having the Phase 4 Grant application submitted. Moriarty stated that it would take time to negotiate the contract for these two positions. Mr. Post also shared that if needed a letter requesting prior authorization could be submitted to the DOE for consideration of this issue.

Mr. Post volunteered to work with Clerk/Treasurer Storms regarding the remaining issues for the Phase 4 Grant application. Chairman Bill suggested that after the application is complete it be reviewed by her and Council Member Knott.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Council Member Welch to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Williams and passed unanimously.

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Katharine Bill, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Jackie Moriarty, CMC, Secretary