



Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2019

5 -7 p.m. – River Bank Building, Twisp, WA

Council Members Present: Mike Fort, Bill Tackman, Ashley Thrasher, Dick Ewing, Travis Thornton

Others in Attendance: Zoe Kahn, Natalie Kuehler, Craig McDonald, Jeanie White (MC), Melanie Rowland (MVCC)

Minutes recorded by: Sarah Lane, Administrative Assistant

Non-Procedural Motions

Motion #	Short Title	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
	NONE WERE COMPLETED			

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ashley Thrasher at 5:07 P.M.

2. Introductions

All introduced themselves.

3. Agenda – Review and Approval

Dick Ewing moved to approve the Agenda. Travis seconded. Agenda was approved.

4. Minutes – Review and Approval

Ashley noted that in order to conserve resources, minutes and agendas will only be printed for Council. Other attendees can view electronically, or can requested a printed copy. Dick Ewing moved to approve the May 16, 2019 Minutes. Mike Fort seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with Soo abstaining.

5. Report from the Chair

Ashley reported that we have though the end of July in the River Bank. There is an office space available to share in the Community Center basement. We are still looking for a meeting space. Twisp City Hall is not looking like a possibility due to issues with access. Natalie said she would find a funder for Myspace at Twispworks. Ashley will pursue an ask for a rental discount.

6. Ecology Report

See report sent by email.

7. MWF Report

The MWF worked through a new strategic plan for 2019-20, with annual goals and funding strategies. Funding strategies will be robust. Ashley, Mike, Mary, Kent and Dick Evans are on the Foundation board, and the Foundation is looking for more members.

8. Initiating Government Reports

Town of Twisp- Soo reported that the town has been continuing to deal with bank erosion at the church.

Town of Winthrop-

No report.

Okanogan County-

No report.



9. Sub-Committee Reports

Technical Review Committee, Chair – Fort

The committee is trying to sort out water metering and peer review issues with Aspect. Remote-capable meters have been selected for ease of collecting data to protect privacy of volunteers. Data will be reported tied to the reach the meter is in; however, homeowners will have to be notified that anonymity cannot be guaranteed, since the grant is through Ecology and all the information would be available upon a public disclosure request. There should be about \$8K for meters. The committee wants to use meters to validate to 710 gpd. Mike said we need 10-15% of homes in the valley to participate in order to be statistically significant. Mike is looking for the best meter for the project. Mike wants to talk to Andy about a pamphlet to go into new building applications so more volunteers can be recruited. Natalie mentioned that Group A and B systems would have data available, and Mike said that Group data is public through the health department.

Political Action Committee, Chair – TBD

No Report.

Outreach and Education Committee, Chair – Knott

No Report.

Water 2066 Committee, Chair – Thrasher

Ashley reported that we had our first meeting with WWT and Lisa Dally Wilson. Final Project Scoping Plan and a first Project Report have been submitted. A Stakeholder Plan will be completed in about a month. The focus of the meeting was mostly around planning for the community meetings. Two meetings are planned to be held in Twisp, probably the week of September 16. All valley will be invited to both meetings to encourage understanding of upper and lower valley issues.

A discussion about stakeholders followed. At least ten stakeholders to approach have been identified. Other stakeholders not on the list will be specifically invited to the community meetings. Understanding the needs of different stakeholders is the reasoning for the choices on the list.

Bill has concern about the ability to gain meaningful information with only two community meetings. Ashley explained the general schedule for the meetings, and ideas about activities to illicit opinions. Travis noted that the process is meant to create awareness, openness and understanding about water policy as it affects the valley, including potential legislation. This gives folks a chance to weigh in, so we can then pass along to stakeholders. This is not a process like to Comp plan, but a chance for folks to know what the MWC is doing. There will be a survey as well.

The group discussed the ways to group influencers/stakeholders. Natalie thought Ecology is viewing this as pre-rule making project, and shouldn't be considered. Travis thinks the stakeholder list should be people who have strong opinions, are legally savvy, and who need to be heard to avoid roadblocks in the future. Natalie suggested calling stakeholders "Interest Groups" instead, as it is more accurate and reflects grouping ideas. The Council agreed with this idea. Soo voiced concern about including an individual (an irrigator) in the interest groups. Natalie suggested Craig Boesel to be included with irrigators. Dick Ewing suggested the irrigation groups all be invited as an interest group. Natalie suggested taking Ecology off the list, as they don't need to be involved at this point. Travis suggested combining the ditch companies for one meeting, as we are doing for the towns. Ashley said WDFW and Tribes need to be on the list as they manage resources. Soo asked who would be included for towns' representation, and Ashley noted that we'd ask a planner and representative from each town. The group discussed the inclusion of the MC. Natalie noted the MC is representative of farmers and other groups.



Ashley asked for agreement on the following list of Interest Groups to be approached:

Colville,
Yakima,
Twisp & Winthrop
Okanogan County
Irrigators
(Advocacy) OWL/Futurewise/MVCC
Realtors
Farm Bureau
MC
WDFW/ NOAA/ NMFS

The purpose of Water 2066 was discussed. Travis sees this as a visioning activity in order to determine what needs to change to allow it, primarily looking at revising 173-548. Bill noted a downzone recently helped a lot in the lower valley, going to minimum lot size of 5 acres outside SD 350.

10. Agenda items for next meeting

Ashley added review of the DIP to see what needs to be done to meet the MWC responsibility of providing an Annual Report on DIP. (Annual DIP report is a report of total water used for SFD, and forecast under current zoning.)

Relative to the above, Mike made a motion that the council to approve publishing in the newspaper and our website that shows the current SFD use by reach and the future anticipated use with current data. Ashley called for a second, but none was made before discussion ensued. Travis asked to table the issue until the next meeting, and Mike agreed it be an agenda item for the next meeting.

11. Public Comment

None were made.

12. Adjournment Soo moved to end the meeting, Travis second the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

Ashley Thrasher, Council Chair

Approved at the July 18, 2019 Council meeting.