

Methow Watershed Council meeting March 16, 2017

Called to order 5:03 PM by vice chair Dick Ewing. Numerous members of the public present, along with Ashley Thrasher, Ray Campbell, and Jeremy Kirner, three candidates for the open position vacated by Brian Fisher's resignation

Mary McCrea, Perry Huston, Andy Hover, (Tim from Aspect), Bill Tackman, Rick Karro, (George Schneider), Dick Ewing, Mike Fort and Penelope Varn present.

Agenda unanimously approved. Approval of minutes postponed by unanimous vote bc nobody printed them out.

MARY MCCREA, GRANT ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

INITIATING GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Town of Twisp, John Fleming, nothing much to report

Town of Winthrop, Karro had nothing to report

County, Perry gave legislative update

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

IFRR Committee Chair Mike Fort report of March 15 meeting. Discussion ensued.

PAC, Bill Tackman: already went over legislation, so no need to do it again

TRC, Mike Fort: nothing to report

Public Outreach Committee, Penelope Varn, May 16, 6:30 PM at Twisp Grange and Mazama Community Club on May 22 at 6:30 PM, public outreach water issues meetings

George Schneider, on Action Item to authorize Phase 2 of WCRD Project, brought in Tim Flynn, Aspect, to give a presentation on WCRD Project Phases 1 and 2. Tim discussed their Draft Memorandum, Project No: 160374 dated Feb 28, 2017, detailing the Wolf Creek/Twin Lakes Water Storage Evaluation. Aspect stated they are confident in their water rights analysis and fully expect Ecology to concur with their analysis. After those assurances to the council a motion by Mr. Fort to "approve task four and five with Aspect assuming the responsibility to look at the Haub water right issue was approved unanimously by the council.

Commissioner Hover recused himself multiple times from voting on the WCRD Project because of a conflict of interest.

NEXT ACTION ITEM: CANDIDATES FOR POSITION 6 of Council presenting themselves. Kevin, Kirner, Campbell, and Thrasher.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council adjourned to executive session for 15 minutes. After re-convening to open session, Penelope made a motion that we recommend Thrasher to the county and to initiating governments. Was unanimous from Bill, Mike, and Dick.

Fort motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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Greg Knott, Council Chairman

*Approved at the July 20, 2017 MWC Meeting.*