



**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

November 19, 2020

5 -7 p.m. – Via Zoom

**Council Members Present:** Dick Ewing, Mike Fort, Andy Hover, Soo Ing-Moody, Jeff Sarvis, Ashley Thrasher

**Others in Attendance:** Jean Bodeau, John Crandall, Alyssa Jumars (MWF), Natalie Kuehler, Curtis Koger, Craig McDonald (MWF), Jasmine Minbashian (MVCC), Melanie Rowland (MVCC), George Schneider, Lorah Super (MVCC), Jeanne White (MC)

Minutes recorded by: Sarah Lane, Administrative Assistant

**Non-Procedural Motions**

<b>Motion #</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
11.19-.01	Motion to approve virtual outreach effort	5	0	0
11.19-02	Motion to approve sending metering request letter to Okanogan County	3	1	1

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Thrasher at 5:01 PM

**2. Agenda – Review and Approval**

Andy moved to approve the Agenda; Soo seconded. The agenda was approved by consent.

**3. Minutes – Review and Approval**

Mike moved to approve the October 15, 2020 minutes and Soo seconded. The minutes were approved by consent.

**4. Report from the Chair**

Ashley reported that nominations will open for Chair and Vice chair. Positions 1 and 2 are up for renewal and will be advertised in case there is interest from the community in applying for the seats.

**5. Ecology Report**

Not present.

**6. MWF Report**

Greg reported that the last Foundation meeting mainly covered discussing the RFP for facilitation. Nominations are due for the MWF; Greg will be stepping down as chair. Sarah reported a great Give Methow result.

**7. Initiating Government Reports**

**Town of Twisp-**

No Report



**Town of Winthrop-**  
No Report

**Okanogan County-**

Andy reported that he was reelected, and would like to work to straighten out Methow water issues. He reported that he has talked with Sage (ECY) regarding a Methow plan update, and possible funding for a two-year process with a 20-year planning horizon.

Ashley asked if the County usually leads water planning. Andy said it would be a multi-stakeholder process. Mike asked what the goal was, after the two years. Andy said it was to have addendums to the current plan, updates, and recommendations for changes to 173-548. Dick asked if the other IG's need to approve the process. Andy said it was desirable. Soo said she thinks it imperative that the other IGs agree to the process and participate. Ashley asked about the role of the MWC. Andy said the process would take place outside of the Council, but that Council would meet stakeholder criteria. Andy also said the Towns would need to be on board with a plan for this process for it to move forward. Mike and Andy discussed points on opening 173-548.

**8. Sub-Committee Reports**

**Technical Review Committee, Chair – Tackman/Fort**

A quote of \$4800 has been received from Pete Peterson Plumbing. The bid seems high. Mike will talk to the plumber. Andy asked if there were other bids. Soo said she could help with alternate bids.

**Political Action Committee, Chair – Knott**

Greg requested that the Chair dissolve this no-active committee. The Chair did so.

**Outreach and Education Committee, Chair – Knott**

Sarah continues with articles in the newsletter, and asked about creating a virtual meeting for interested parties on topics of interest. Greg moved to approve Sarah working on virtual outreach events. Dick seconded the motion. Mike asked about cost. Cost would be staff time and Zoom. Motion passes unanimously.

**9. Resilient Methow – Lane**

Save the date for December 10, for Climate Action Plan draft. If Council feels strongly about any items presented to date, let Sarah know.

**10. Agenda Item 11.19-01 Nominations Open.**

Ashley opened nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. She is willing to continue to serve as Chair. Travis will not accept a nomination for Vice Chair. Positions 1 and 2 are up for renewal. Greg and Mike are both willing to continue for one more term.

**11. Agenda Item 11.19-02 Letter to County Re Meters.**

Council gave edits on the draft letter. Greg made a motion to approve the letter to be sent, as amended, to Okanogan County Commissioners. Mike seconded the motion. Dick voted no, Andy abstained, all others approved and the motion carried.



**12. Agenda Item 11.19-03 – CRM Update**

No Update

**13. Agenda Item 11.19-04**

Sarah shared a new volunteer tracking sheet. Sarah will add hours for Council and Foundation meetings, and everyone should track their additional time on this sheet or send hours to Sarah.

**14. Agenda items for next meeting**

1. Elections
2. Positions 1 and 2

**15. Public Comment**

No comments were offered.

**16. The Council went into Executive Session at 6:22PM.**

The Council approved the selection of George Schneider to lead MWC/F Strategic Planning. No record was made of who made the motion or seconded it.

**17. The Council resumed its meeting at 6:32 PM.**

George Schneider was congratulated on being selected for the Strategic Planning facilitator.

**18. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

---

Ashley Thrasher, Council Chair

Approved at the January 21, 2021 Council meeting.