



Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023 – Via Zoom

Council Members Present: Mike Fort, Bill Tackman, Jean Bodeau, Jeff Sarvis, Mayor Soo Ing-Moody, and Commissioner Andy Hover.

Council Members Absent, Excused: Greg Knott

Others in Attendance: Mike Bastian (MWC applicant), Jordana Ellis (CD), George Grable (MWC applicant), Ross Latham (MWC applicant), Craig McDonald (MWF), George Schneider (MWC applicant), Lorah Super (MWC applicant)

Minutes recorded by: Sarah Lane, Administrator

Non-Procedural Motions

Motion #	Short Title	Yeas	Nays	Abstain
1.23-01	Motion to approve Councilmember Jean Bodeau as MWC Chair	5	0	1
1.23-02	Motion to approve Mayor Soo Ing-Moody as Vice Chair	5	0	1
1.23-03	Motion to appoint Bill Tackman to Position Five, Lower Methow	6	0	0
1.23-04	Motion to appoint Jean Bodeau to Position Six, At Large	5	0	1
1.23-05	Motion to appoint George Schneider to Position Three, Middle Methow	6	0	0
1.23-06	Motion to appoint Lorah Super to Position Four, At Large	5	0	1
1.23-07	Motion to move Agenda Item 1.19.23-06 to February Agenda	6	0	0

- 1. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Soo Ing-Moody at 5:19 PM. Administrator Lane confirmed attendance
- 2. Agenda:** The agenda was confirmed as presented.
- 3. Minutes:** Councilmember Bodeau moved to approve the December 15, 2022 Minutes with date correction. Commissioner Hover seconded the motion. December 15, 2022 Minutes were approved as corrected.
- 4. Attendance:** Councilmember Knott was excused. Mayor Ing-Moody tabled discussion on intent of attendance policy to future meeting.
- 5. Report from the Chair:** Mayor Ing-Moody reported this will be presumably her last meeting as Chair. Mayor Ing-Moody thanked the Council for their time and work on committees. She stated that the Watershed Council is very important, and she is glad to see the good leadership of members.
- 6. MWF Report: Chair- Craig McDonald**
Craig McDonald reported:
 - Quickbooks is up and running.
 - Budget committee is functioning well. The draft budget to be reviewed next month ties in to the work plan.
 - Tax documents are being prepared.
 - Bylaws have been updated by the MWF.
 - Grant processes are improving.
 - Elections were held. Mike Fort is Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Bastian is Vice Chair, and Craig McDonald is Chair.

Councilmember Fort noted not all the County contract was spent in 2022. Currently there is a good cash surplus, though most of it will be spent through the proposed 2023 budget. Councilmember Sarvis thanked Okanogan County for supporting the work of the MWC, as well as appreciated the diligence and reporting from the MWF.

7. Subcommittee Reports:

Technical Review Committee, Chair: Fort

Councilmember Fort made no report, but said there is work to be done.

Outreach and Education Committee, Chair: Knott

Councilmember Knott not being present, Administrator Lane and Councilmember Bodeau reported that the committee continues to plan a drought presentation with Resilient Methow and the Conservation District. Save the Date for March 9th. The committee is also working on plans to have a water law 101 presentation at the end of April, and a roundtable meeting with irrigators hopefully in May.

8. Ad Hoc Reports

Water Banking Subcommittee, Chair: Tackman/Jumars

Councilmember Tackman reported that Craig Nelson (Conservation District) had emailed an update. Their contract with Ecology is in hand and undergoing final edits. They are working to complete it ASAP. Councilmember Tackman would like to schedule a water banking meeting before the next MWC meeting in February.

Jordana Ellis of the CD was present and invited to give more info on water banking. She noted that edits to the agreement were being entered into EAGL, but the Ecology staff were having difficulty due to word count limitations. Ecology is also in the process of moving the grant writing and management from grant manager Annie Sawabini to the Streamflow Restoration Program with Bennett Weinstein. CD has a goal of mid-February to be signed off and active in the grant. CD is also planning to submit another application to Ecology for Barkley Ditch company water and has a meeting set with Ecology January 31, 2023. The first application is for 60.8 acre/ft, and the second is for 91 acre/ft.

Councilmember Jeff Sarvis asked for clarification. Ellis explained that each new water right undergoes separate application. Mayor Ing-Moody asked about the type of water rights in the applications. Ellis said that they are both seasonal ag water, so they would be used with mitigation, if intended for other uses. Commissioner Hover said that just because it is ag water doesn't mean it can't be converted using a MAR or the like. He said other commercial or domestic rights are just not available. Mayor Ing-Moody said that this work would be precedent-setting.

Resilient Methow Report – Administrator Lane reported that the Outreach committee continues working with RM's administrator, Dana Golden, to plan the March 9 drought presentation, along with Jordana Ellis of the CD.

9. Local Government Reports

Town of Winthrop- Councilmember Jeff Sarvis reported that he had shared the draft resolution between Winthrop and the Chewuch Canal with Councilmember Knott, to share with Knott's constituents. The document is available to the public, and others can contact Sarvis if they want a copy.

Okanogan County- Commissioner Hover had no news to report.

Town of Twisp- Mayor- Mayor Ing-Moody had no new news to report.

10. News From the Community:

Council member Bodeau asked what members know about the new facilities planned by WDFW on Patterson Lake, after learning about it at a presentation hosted by Curt Bovee. Commissioner Hover said WDFW applied for funds to add a restroom facility, improve the boat launch and add a dock. In recent years, use of the launch has increased greatly, causing issues with launch traffic. There is concern about the speed limit on the lake potentially changing, but Commissioner Hover stated his strong support for keeping the current speed limit, and for the improvement of the other facilities. He stated that the County is in charge of the speed limit.

11. Ecology Report: Not present, no report

12. Presentation: No presentation

13. Agenda Item 1.19.23-01: Public Comment:

No written public comment was received. No comment was offered at this meeting.

14. Agenda Item 1.19.23-02: ACTION: Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Hover made a motion to nominate Councilmember Jean Bodeau for the position of MWC Chair.

Councilmember Tackman seconded the motion. Motion was approved with Councilmember Bodeau abstaining.

Councilmember Tackman made a motion to nominate Mayor Soo Ing-Moody for MWC Vice Chair. Commissioner Hover seconded the motion. Motion was approved with Mayor Ing-Moody abstaining.

15. Agenda Item 1.19.23-03: ACTION: Affirm Positions Five and Six

Commissioner Hover moved to appoint Bill Tackman to Position Five. Mayor Ing-Moody seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Commissioner Hover moved to appoint Jean Bodeau to Position Six. Mayor Ing-Moody seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

16. Agenda Item 1.19.23-04: ACTION: Discussion with Applicants, Select Positions Three and Four

Mayor Ing-Moody opened discussion with applicants for Position Three, Middle Methow, and Position Four, At Large. Applicants for Position Three included: George Schneider, George Grable, Mike Bastian, and Lorah Super. These applicants were also eligible for Position Four, as well as Ross Latham. ([Recording here.](#)) Mayor Ing-Moody thanked the applicants and recognized the value of so much community interest in serving on the Council.

Councilmember Tackman moved to appoint George Schneider to Position Three, Middle Methow. Commissioner Hover seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Hover noted that these appointments must be forwarded to Twisp and Winthrop Town Councils and County Commissioners for ratification. Mayor Ing-Moody said that appointees usually attend the Town Council or Commission meetings at which their positions are reviewed.

Commissioner Hover moved to appoint Lorah Super to Position Four, At Large. Councilmember Fort seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously, with Mayor Ing-Moody abstaining.

Mayor Ing-Moody and Commissioner Hover asked Administrator Lane to contact the council clerks. Commissioner Hover and Councilmember Sarvis both thanked the other applicants and asked them to stay involved.

17. Agenda Item 1.19.23-05: DISCUSS: Committee Placement for Water Security and Housing

Members discussed where to place work plan items water security and housing. Commissioner Hover said, and Councilmember Fort concurred, that Water Security (Drought Mitigation) belongs in the Tech Committee. Councilmember Fort said Housing likely belongs there too, as it has to do with the technical issues of available water for housing. Fort also noted new Chair Bodeau will have a chance to review the committee's work loads and membership.

Mayor Ing-Moody deferred to the new Chair, Councilmember Bodeau to complete the meeting. Bodeau thanked Mayor Ing-Moody for her great leadership over the last two years. Bodeau will contact members over the next few weeks to discuss committees.

18. Agenda Item 1.19.23-06: APPROVE Updated MWF Bylaws

Councilmember Tackman moved to table Agenda item 1.19.23-06 MWF Bylaws approval until February. Commissioner Hover seconded the motion, motion approved.

19. Agenda Item 1.19.23-07: Next Steps

- MWF Bylaws on February Agenda
- Administrator Lane will contact new members and local governments to facilitate ratification of Positions Three and Four.

20. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM

Councilmember Jean Bodeau, Council Chair

Approved via email, to be confirmed at the February 16, 2022 Methow Watershed Council meeting