

Stakeholders Present:

Mark Sovine	Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency
Dave Erley	Town of Castle Valley
Bryan Torgerson	SITLA
Clif Koontz	Ride with Respect
Laurel Hagen	Canyonlands Watershed Council
Jason Johnson	Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Christy Harvey	Manti-La Sal National Forest Service
Jan Curtis-Tollestrup	Manti-La Sal National Forest Service
Mike Johnson	Utah State University Extension
George Carter	Moab Irrigation Company

Others Present:

Tessa Groff Watershed Coordinator

Actions

1. Agenda was reviewed and approved.
2. Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The "By-Laws" document was reviewed. Changes were made to section 6. Roles and Responsibilities.
4. The group scheduled the next meeting for July 14th, 2011, at 8:00 AM at the GWSSA office.

Discussion Items

Item One: Approval of Minutes. Mark Sovine asked for approval on the minutes from the previous meeting.

Conclusion/Action: Bryan Torgerson motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. It was seconded by Dave Erley. There were no objections and the minutes were approved.

Item Two: Website Committee Report/Logo design presentation. Tessa Groff reported that she has been in contact with Neal Herbert, of Eye Dandy Visual Communications, and he has requested a PDF of a logo before beginning construction of MAWP's website. Neal is currently out of town until June 10th, but communication on this project will resume upon his return.

Laurel Hagen presented a variety of different logos to the group. Her examples included some she has designed previously for other organizations and logos from other watershed groups. Members of the partnership then offered input on different elements they felt should be included in MAWP's logo. With this input, Laurel will draft multiple logo designs in both color and black/white for the group. Tessa will email these out to the whole partnership for review. Once reviewed, an electronic vote will occur as outlined in the draft by-laws. It was decided that an electronic vote could be used to help accelerate the process of building the website.

Conclusion/Action: Laurel will draft up logo designs and Tessa will email them out the whole partnership. An electronic vote will occur.

Item Three: Stakeholder Recruitment Committee Report. Mark Sovine reported that the stakeholder recruitment committee met on June 1st 2011. At the meeting, Tessa Groff was asked to contact the different stakeholder groups located on the matrix to identify which individual they have chosen to be their representative in MAWP. Tessa reported that she has reached out to many of them and is working on creating a new draft of the matrix that shows only single representatives for each agency/organization. Once she has responses from all of the stakeholder groups and is able to fully update the matrix, a copy will be sent out via email.

Conclusion/Action: Tessa will send out an updated version of the matrix listing single representatives for each stakeholder group.

Item Four: Review of By-Laws. Changes were made to the last paragraph in Section 6, outlining the procedures of public comment. A rewording of the mission statement, that had previously been approved at the March meeting, but did not get saved, was included. This updated mission statement will be added to the Partnership Agreement document as well. It was decided that review of the by-laws should continue and a date for approval set at the July meeting.

Conclusion/Action: The By-Laws document will be edited with the changes made during the meeting and grammatical edits done via email and redistributed. Review of this document will continue at the next meeting.

Item Five: Goals document reviewed. No changes were made. It was discussed that this is a living document and that additions and changes to this document may be included over time. A date for approval does not need to be set.

Conclusion/Action: The GOALS document for MAWP will remain separate from the by-laws and partnership agreement. Changes to this document can be addressed at future meetings if presented on the agenda.

Item Six: Watershed Plan guidelines presented. Tessa Groff distributed a paper copy of the Environmental Protection Agency's nine elements required in writing a Watershed Management Plan. She also discussed the similarities and differences between the EPA and the Natural Resources Conservation Service's approach to watershed planning. More information will be obtained and made available as MAWP moves forward in the planning process. A copy of the EPA's handbook is available to all partners.

Conclusion/Action: As MAWP moves forward in the planning process, the group can determine if the NRCS's guidelines are appropriate for individual projects/actions.

Item Seven: Watershed Plan outline and inventory list. Tessa Groff presented a Watershed Plan outline she had prepared. It listed items that MAWP may want to include in the final watershed management plan. This document is intended to serve as an example and should be reviewed once planning committees have been formed. It was discussed that MAWP should start forming sub-committees, for the planning process, in the next few months. Tessa also handed out a list of data that is desired in order to create an inventory of Moab's watershed. She requested that each member review this list and contact her if they have reliable and scientific sources for this data.

Conclusion/Action: The outline Tessa prepared will be sent out in the packet for the August meeting. The forming of sub-committees should be discussed at the July meeting. Any reliable data or data sources should be forwarded to Tessa Groff.

Item Seven: Next Agenda. MAWP members will need to identify the types of sub-committees needed to begin the planning process. Review of the by-laws will continue and updates from the website committee and the stakeholder recruitment committee are expected.

Conclusion/Action: The next meeting will be held at the GWSSA office on July 14th 2011, at 8:00 AM.