

Meeting July 14th, 2011

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
Bob Davidson	Manti-La Sal National Forest Service
Jan Curtis-Tollestrup	Manti-La Sal National Forest Service
Mike Johnson	Utah State University Extension
David Engleman	Moab Irrigation Company
Donna Metzler	City of Moab
Mike Allred	UDWQ
Mary Hofhine	Grand County Planning
Kirstin Peterson	Moab City
Dee Taylor	Livestock Grazing and Grand Conservation District
John Weisheit	Canyonlands Watershed Council
Jerry McNeely	San Juan County

Others Present:

Tessa Groff                      Watershed Coordinator

Actions

1. Agenda was reviewed and approved.
2. Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. An electronic voting protocol was established strictly for the selecting of a logo design.
4. The "By-Laws" document was reviewed. A date for approval was set for August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
5. The review/comment period for the Partnership Agreement was extended until the next meeting.
6. The group scheduled the next meeting for August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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: There were no objections to the content in the minutes and they were approved.*

**Item Two: Website Committee Report/Logo design presentation.** Tessa Groff presented 4 draft logo designs that Laurel Hagen had prepared, along with one she had prepared herself. The group offered feedback, which included: concern that the water element did not correctly identify a healthy riparian zone, the desire for the waterwheel to be smaller and the need to see how the wording would fit into the overall design. With these suggestions, Laurel will draft up a few final logo designs that will be sent out via email to the partnership. The group decided that once the logo design choices are distributed, each member will have 7 days to vote electronically on which one they prefer. The image that receives the most votes will be the official logo for MAWP.

*Conclusion/Action: Laurel will draft up final versions of the MAWP logo and Tessa will email them out the whole partnership. Once distributed, each member will have 7 days to send back an email with their vote. The image that receives the majority of votes will be the official MAWP logo.*

**Item Three: Stakeholder Recruitment Committee Report.** Bryan Torgerson reported that the stakeholder recruitment committee had not met since the last meeting and there were no new recruitments to report on. Tessa updated the group that she had contacted the Grand County Council and was informed that Kristine Killoy will represent them at MAWP meetings.

*Conclusion/Action: The recruitment committee will remain available to help identify groups and/or individuals that should have representation in MAWP as the group moves forward with the planning process.*

**Item Four: Changing the Time of MAWP Meetings.** Tessa has been approached by potential members who are unable to attend meetings at 8:00AM about changing the time of the meeting and presented this issue to the group. The group discussed it and decided that they may lose more participants than they would gain if they changed the meeting time.

*Conclusion/Action: MAWP will continue to meet at GWSSA at 8:00AM unless otherwise noted on the agenda.*

**Item Five: Review of Partnership Agreement.** The City of Moab and Grand County were the only agencies that completed the review of the partnership agreement within the sixty day review period. Both suggested small grammatical changes, which will be applied to the document. The group decided to extend the review period, until the August meeting, in order to allow all agencies/organizations the necessary time to offer feedback on the agreement before sending out a final document for signatures. All suggested changes should be emailed to Tessa Groff. She will present all suggestions to the group, at the next meeting, before applying them to the document.

*Conclusion/Action: The review period for the Partnership Agreement was extended until the August meeting. All suggested changes should be sent via email to Tessa Groff.*

**Item Six: Review of By-Laws.** No changes were made to the By-laws. A date for approval was set for the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This document will accompany the Partnership Agreement when it is sent out for approval.

*Conclusion/Action: MAWP will vote on the approval of the By-laws at the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

**Item Seven: Open discussion.** Mark Sovine explained the recent flow issues that have occurred at the Sheley Diversion and the efforts of GWSSA to correct them. Mike Allred spoke about the scholarship for the Water Quality Conference. He suggested that those interested in attending, on scholarship, email Carl Adams at the Utah Division of Water Quality. The conference will take place in Logan, UT on August 30-September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Mike Allred also reminded the group that the Moab area will be part of the UDWQ's intensive state water quality monitoring in 2012. John Weisheit told the group about the program he attended in Boulder, CO, which was put on by the Bureau of Reclamation and discussed the flow of the Colorado River and possible impacts from global climate change. The group decided that there should be a standing agenda item that allows and encourages these types of updates. This would offer individuals a formal way to inform MAWP of any water quality related projects they may be working on and the potential for MAWP to be involved.

*Conclusion/Action: A standing agenda item will be added for the purpose of discussing current projects and/or issues in the watershed.*

**Item Eight: Moving Forward with the Planning Process and the Next Agenda.** The group suggested some items to address as we move forward in the planning process. One item mentioned, was the need to form technical committees in the near future. The purpose of these committees would be to gather those with certain expertise to aid in the interpretation of different data sets and help with the writing of the management plan. John Weisheit suggested that MAWP create a funding committee that could help research additional grant sources for projects. The forming of these committees should be addressed at the next meeting. The other item mentioned was the need for a list of necessary data for the planning process. This list will be presented at the next meeting.

*Conclusion/Action: These items will be added to the next agenda. The next meeting will be held at the GWSSA office on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2011, at 8:00 AM.*