

**Haskill Basin Watershed Council**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**June 01, 2022**  
**Riverside Plaza Conference Room**

Attendees: John Phelps, Bill Cubbage, Ginger Ridden, Glenda Gehri, Bill Mulholland, Joe Krezowski

John Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Glenda noted that the minutes should read “Haskill Basin Road” at the end of the first sentence under item 4. Bill C. made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Joe K, seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

2. Whitefish Municipal Watershed Project USFS

The Big Burn was completed in October 2021 on sections A, Hell Roaring Basin and parts of section C and D. An airship was used for ignition due to the steep terrain. Areas B, D and E plan to be burned in the Fall of 2022, conditions permitting. The USFS will do a survey this summer to rate the water quality in the watershed. Staging last Fall was in depot Park. This Fall they will have people at City Beach.

3. City Reservoir Management Plan

John Phelps discussed the letter he is going to send Mayor Mulfield concerning the dumping of excess water from Haskill Creek into Whitefish Lake through the Viking wetlands. HBWC has been talking with the city about this problem for 12 to 15 years. The city says it is cheaper to take water out of Haskill Creek than to take it out of Whitefish Lake. HBWC has no scientific evidence of the damage to Haskill Creek in the late summer. City has made no changes to the amount of water they withdraw from the creek. If the city should reduce the amount of water they use, HBWC would educate all other water stake holders. The city will have to be very careful if they

reduce spillage into Viking Creek. the key to the problem is for the city to use a telemetry system to control the amount of water they withdraw from the creek. John will send a letter to Mayor Mulfield stating our concerns and hoping the Mayor will address our problems.

The ski area will start filling the snow making ponds in late October. Total snow fall average recently has been slightly less than 300 inches.

4. Haskill Creek County Road Replacement.

Nothing new concerning the replacement of the culvert under Haskill Basin Road. The county is not motivated to do the repair. Also, it will be difficult to route traffic around the repairs as there is no easy alternate exit route.

5. Winter Sports Inc.

John P. sent a letter to WSI asking the resort to delay using Haskill Creek water until a later date. However, WSI has water rights that state when the resort can start withdrawing water from the ponds. Nick Polumbus is the new manager and he would like to cooperate with HBWC.

6. New Business

No new business.

7. Public Comment

No public comment.

The next meeting will be September 21, 2022 at Stoltze offices at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

