

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

**Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
November 3, 2008**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Bud Burgess	Grand Mesa WCD
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Greg Clifton	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Tom Kenyon	Mesa County
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Olen Lund	Delta County
Tyler Martineau	Gunnison Municipalities
John McClow	Chairs of the House and Senate Ag Committees
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Voting Members Absent:

Carey Denison	Ouray County
Ralph Grover	Hinsdale County
Jim Hokit	Montrose County
Hank Hotze	Recreational
Flynn Mangum	Saguache County
Dick Margetts	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural

Liaisons Present:

Keith Catlin	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Dennis Murphy	US Bureau of Land Management
Wayne Schieldt	Division of Water Resources - Division 4
Gary Shellhorn	US Forest Service

Liaisons Absent:

Phil Boawn	US Army Corps of Engineers
David Graf	Division of Wildlife
Eric Hecox	Manager, Office of Interbasin Compact Negotiations
Harris Sherman	Executive Director, Dept. of Natural Resources
Jay Skinner	Division of Wildlife
Curtis Swift	CSU Extension Agent
Ed Warner	Reclamation
Vacant	US Fish and Wildlife Service

Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning	Assistant Recorder
David Kanzer	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Michael Gross	Gunnison Basin Advisor - CDM
Steve Harris	Southwestern WCD
Jay Winner	Arkansas Basin

Public: Bob Hurford (DWR, Asst. Div. Engineer), Jeff Crane (Colorado Watershed Assembly), Sara Sauter (Colorado Watershed Assembly), Randy See (Senator Salazar's Office), Grady Harper (NFRIA – North Fork River Improvement Association), David Stiller (NFRIA), Dennis Reich (CSU Extension), Bret Guillory (City of Grand Junction).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Michelle Pierce.

Roll Call

Following roll call, it was declared that the meeting was two people short of a quorum; however, eventually enough members arrived to have a quorum.

Approve Agenda

Thomas Alvey mentioned that Item #1 on the Agenda should be City of Grand Junction, not Gunnison.

Dixie Luke made a motion to accept the Agenda with the modification. Greg Clifton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approve August 4, 2008, September 8, 2008, and October 6, 2008 Minutes

Hugh Sanburg requested a change to the August 4, 2008 meeting minutes to revise the spelling of Heartland Ditch, to Hartland Ditch.

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept all three meeting minutes with the suggested change. Tom Kenyon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe gave a report on the last IBCC meeting that was held on October 29, 2008. The entire day was devoted to the vision statement, process, and goals. The biggest issue was a word change replacing the word “sustainability” with “balance”. Some of the attendees were not happy with the wording, and most likely there will be a 3rd draft.

Marc Catlin said that he was bothered by the wording. He said that the visioning process was much tougher than they had envisioned.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley announced that Roy Mask of the Forest Service would be giving a presentation on Pathology and the State of the Forest at the next meeting.

- 1. Project Proposal – City of Grand Junction, Juniata Reservoir Spillway Modification Project.**
Rick Brinkman and Bret Guillory discussed the proposal for the City of Grand Junction to modify the spillway of Juniata Reservoir and Kannah Creek.

Tom Kenyon made a motion to approve the funding for the proposal to modify the Juniata Reservoir spillway. George Sibley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Project Proposal – Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, Agricultural Water Needs Assessment & Water Supply Analysis for the Gunnison Basin.**

Ken Spann said that the project screening committee had met on Friday to discuss the proposal. He reported that the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District would handle the contract and that they were de-Bruiced.

The question was raised on how to split the request for funding between state funds and basin funds, and mentioned that the project screening committee had discussed a 40/60 split.

Greg Clifton made a motion to approve the proposal and to request funding at 60% from basin funds, and 40% from state funds. Tom Kenyon seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. One member, Rachel Kullman, abstained from voting due to her potential interest in bidding on the project.

- 3. Proposed Amendment 52 to Colorado State Constitution**

Michelle Pierce reported on the results of the Resolution opposing Amendment 52 to the Colorado State Constitution, which was circulated via e-mail to the members for their vote after the October meeting. A total of 17 responses were received – 15 in favor and 2 opposed.

4. Selenium Reduction

The Roundtable members had more discussion regarding possible projects to reduce selenium contamination in the Gunnison Basin. Marc Catlin stated that there are no real projects proposed at this time, there is a written proposal from Reclamation to the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding selenium reduction plans. The outcome of that proposal and whether it would meet the selenium reduction requirements should be known by the next meeting.

Steve Glazer made a request to keep this item on the agenda for continued discussion in December.

5. IBCC Visioning Process

The Roundtable members reviewed and discussed the revised visioning process document. Bill Trampe emphasized that if anyone had any comments they needed to get them to the IBCC. He suggested that members make their comments directly to Eric Hecox and copy both him and Marc Catlin. Michelle Pierce stated that the deadline for comments is December 12, 2008.

Bill Trampe said he had asked Eric Hecox to come to Four Roundtables meeting to explain the visioning process document. The meeting will be on Friday November 14, 2008 at the Montrose Pavilion. Michelle Pierce asked how many members would be attending the meeting, so that she could RSVP. Fifteen members indicated they would attend.

6. Annual Meeting

Election of officers: John McClow made a motion to retain the current set of officers by acclamation. Marc Catlin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Sanburg announced that the By-Laws Committee will meet and review of the Bylaws.

7. Other

Jeff Crane of the Colorado Watershed Assembly discussed the Healthy Rivers Fund, which has been in place for 5 or 6 years. Funding is by voluntary donation on the State income tax return. He encouraged everyone to make a contribution to this fund, which has funded 41 projects to date.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be December 1, 2008.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items (November 3, 2008 meeting)

Michelle Pierce to contact Colorado River District with number of Roundtable members who plan to attend the Four Roundtables meeting on November 14, 2008.

By-laws Committee to have their annual meeting.